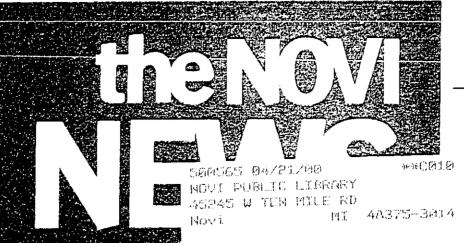
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Judges crack down on holiday drinkers

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN

As the New Year's Eve countdown gets shorter and shorter. many organizations will be working together to help prevent major problems from occurring.

And because super celebrations will be in the offing, many people will probably consume alcohol on the big night out.

In an effort to reduce the risks posed by those with serious alcohol problems. Novi 52-1 District Court judges Michael Batchik. Dennis Powers and Brian MacKenzie, along with the rest of the district courts of Oakland County, the Michigan State Police, Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Jail Alternatives for Michigan and Michigan Arrest have announced the creation of Y2CARE.

There are basically three things we are trying to say by doing this." MacKenzie said.

"One is that this is a deterrent to people who have shown that alcohol is a problem. These are people that have been convicted within the last two years who drive when they drink.

"Also we are trying to reinforce Continued on 17

Father is convicted in infant's choking

Wendy Pierman Mitzel Staff Writer

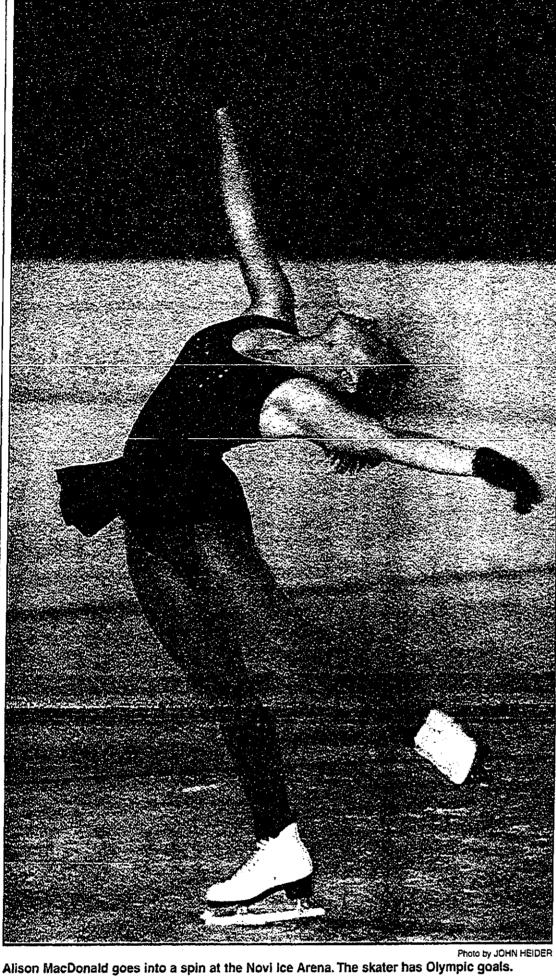
If she lived, she might have been a Novi Middle School student

But twelve years after 11month-old Kaylei Burns choked to death on a plastic ice cube, her father Gary Lee Burns was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter in that death.

"We're pleased that after so many years of the defendant living a lie, that he was held accountable for his actions," Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor said Gregory Townsend.

After several weeks of testimony, a jury spent two days in deliberation before returning a guilty verdict Dec. 10 in Oakland County Circuit Court. The jurors were given a choice between second degree murder, voluntary manslaughter or involuntary manslaughter.

Burns remains free on bond, Continued on 17



Olympic dreams

Local skater eyes 2002 winter games

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN Staff Writer

Northville High School junior Alison Leslie MacDonald, like most high school students. spends time hanging out with her friends, listening to music and doing homework.

But that is where many of the similarities end.

MacDonald is a member of the United States Figure Skating Association and has dreams of competing in the Winter Olympic games in just a few years.

"My goal is to skate in the 2002 Olympics." MacDonald said. Hopefully I will be there win-

ning the gold medal." Living in the Dunbarton Pines subdivision in Novi with her par-

ents Bill and Leslie and her younger sister Kate, it was at an early age when MacDonald first learned to skate. "My father was coaching ice hockey and I always wanted to be

a hockey player," she said. But her suture on ice took a three-turn.

By capturing the figure skating silver medal in the Senior Ladies'

Skating competition at the 2000 Eastern Great Lakes Regional Figure Skating Championships in ified to compete in the 2000 Midwestern Sectional Championships held this past weekend at the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield

Competing against 14 other skaters, MacDonald placed seventh, which means she will go back into the training season now, working on perfecting different

jumps and her routine. As part of the USFSA, which is the the governing body that con-

amateur figure skating in the country, MacDonald was one of 14 girls who competed at the Mid-

budgeting session last

year, the arena's accu-

mulated deficit was esti-

However, this was a mis-

statement and should

have been explained as a

loss and not a deficit.

mated at \$350,000.

ICE SHOW

See Alison MacDonald skate this weekend.

The Novi Ice Arena in conjunction with the Skating Club of Novi will be hosting their second annual Winter Exhibition. Skaters that train at the Novi Ice Arena will be skating to their favorite Christmas music. The exhibition will be held on Saturday, Dec. 18 at 1 p.m. Admission is \$1.

western section of the competi-

If MacDonald had placed in the top four at the Midwestern sectional, she would have competed with 12 more girls from across the nation at the U.S. Championships, to be held in Cleveland

Skaters from the U.S. Championships are invited to compete inthe World Championships and the Olympic Games.

As a tot, MacDonald would first see ice time when let her skate after his hockey practices.

At only three years old, she joined the Livonia lee Arena Learn-to-Skate program and found a passion for skating which soon led to figure skating.

With her first lessons being from Bev Griffin at the Livonia Ice Arena, MacDonald next moved to the Plymouth Cultural Center where she was coached by Susan and Brandon Smith.

When MacDonald was 11, she began training at the Detroit Skating Club, her home rink, under

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Novi Ice Arena starts to shave down its deficit

By JEREMY MCBAIN Staff Writer

City officials are now saying the Novi Ice Arena had a \$350,000 financial loss, not a deficit, and its financial problems are slowly diminishing.

According to a recent financial report issued by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department and the Finance Department, the arena had a \$350,000 loss as of July.

The report detailed the finances of the arena during the first month of Suburban Arena Management's control and revealed Suburban earned a \$20,000 profit in its first month.

"Things are going well, I am happy to say:"

Things are going well, I am happy to

say," said Suburban President Tom Anas-

According to Novi Finance Director Kathy

Smith-Roy, the cumulative deficit of the

arena as of Oct. 31 was \$128,000. During a

President of Suburban Hockey

Smith-Roy said.

Smith-Roy explained. The ice arena was in existence since the financial standpoint," she said.

When the ice arena was first opened, it had \$405,000 in revenue from bonds.

lost \$359,000. This still left \$46,000 in revenue at the end of that fiscal year, Smith-Roy further explained. Before management was finally assumed

In a Novi City Council budget session in

May, it was discovered the Novi Ice Arena

by Suburban, the city lost another \$174,000 in the ice arena leaving a deficit of \$128,000, Smith-Roy said.

The deficit is being turned around by Suburban, as seen with its \$20,000 profit for its first month, she added.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER Chef Scott Swamba displays a porcini and chantrelle mushroom dish.

Chef's career is really cookin'

By CHRIS C. DAVIS Copy Editor

If Scott Swamba approaches your table and asks if you

enjoyed your meal, tell him the truth.

The 26-year-old culinary arts whiz values opinions. But be warned: there's not much he'll make that won't win rave

Swamba is the executive sous chef - the second in command of the kitchen - at West Bloomfield's La Difference. The path to the kosher restaurant was long and winding, but for Swamba, the wait was well worth it.

"The payoff in this job is seeing people come in to the restaurant who are well-traveled and well-versed in quality dishes and seeing them leave here feeling true satisfaction," he said.

"That's the reward." Swamba figured from an early age that food was his calling. A resident of No-ville (that funny little parcel of land around Nine Mile and Center Street that is split between Novi and Northville), Swamba got his start in cooking at age 12, when he worked as a dishwasher at Juan Carlos. The work was arduous and certainly more than a little messy, but it beat the alternatives. Swamba said.

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Library

LIBRARY HOURS

The Novi Public Library is open

Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9

p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.

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Community Calendar

Thursday, Dec. 16

Youth baseball

Novi Youth Baseball meets at 7 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. The meet-

Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Limbright

TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Meadows Clubhouse on Napier Road. For more information, call after 6 p.m. 1245) 344-2167.

Novi School Board

The Novi School Board meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Educational Services Building on Tatt Road. For information, call (248) 449-1200.

Walled Lake School Board

The Walled Lake School Board meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, For information, call (248) 956-2000.

Friday, Dec. 17

Expo Center Shows

Two shows will run at the Novi Expo Center today through Dec. 19 the Train and Hobby Expo and the Super Computer and Software Sale. For information, call (248) 348-5600.

Seniors Holiday Show

and include lunch. For information, call (248) 347-0400.

Monday, Dec. 20

Association meets at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, at 42100 Crescent p.m. Blvd. Social hour is set at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to all working women. For reservations, call Audrey Gulley at (248) 624-1718. For membership information, call Bettie Johnson at

Cholesterol Screening

Total cholesterol screening by fingerstick method, will be offered from p.m. to 4 p.m., at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement-Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. Cost is \$5 fee. For more information call (248) 477-6100.

Novi City Council

The Novi City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call Tom Lahiff at 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome

Tuesday, Dec. 21

Civil Air Patrol

Seniors Holiday Show

The Sixgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle

The Novi Theatres Senior Variety Series presents "The Silver Belles & School, 25299 Taft Rd., from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who

Beaus In Concert" at 12 noon at the Novi Civic Center. Tickets are \$12 have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information, call (248) 349-2669.

The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's more information, call Tim Sawmiller, [248] 344-4269 evenings after 6

Bereavement Support Group

A bereavement support group meets at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The meeting will be facilitated by Dr. M. Meyer. There will be a brief prayerful reflection during the meeting by a member of the clergy from the area.

Optimist Club

The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Big Boy Restaurant on Novi Road, across from the Novi Town Center.

Wednesday, Dec. 22

Planning Commission The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session in the

Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Thursday, Dec., 23 Who's doing business

The Novi city offices are closed today, but the Novi library is open.

Novi Rotary

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The Novi Ice Arena will be The seven-week session costs will be hosting their second annual accepting registrations for the win- \$52.50 and begins the week of Jan. Winter Exhibition. Skaters that ter session of Learn to Skate Class 3. For more information call the train at the Novi Ice Arena will be through Dec. 30. Classes are avail- Novi Ice Arena at 347-1010. able for skaters three-years-old to adult. Daytime classes are also

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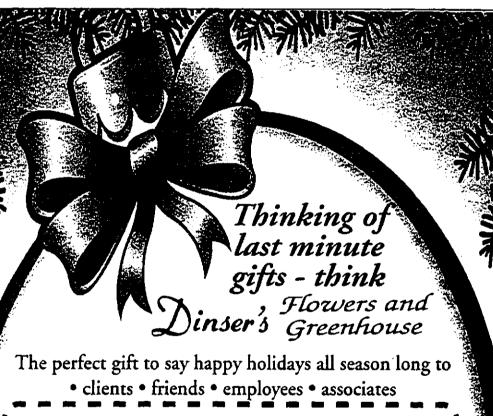


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Ropin' the win

Novi resident imitates Garth Brooks on TV

BY MELANIE PLENDA

macher may have not have friends

in low places for long, The Queen Latifah Show" on Dec. his life, Schumacher said.

Schumacher said.

Karaoke. Schumacher, whose friends had mately do well. always teased him about his "He was so nervous. He had resemblance to country superstar practiced so hard the night before Garth Brooks, had several stints in and hardly slept, but he went out local bands and Karaoke bars but—there and nailed the song perfectly. had never really found his "big I was so proud of him." she said.

for a look-alike talent contest.

He was accepted by the show feeling he had when he won was and set off for a three-day excurlike nothing else. sion to New York City for the tap-

break," he said.

said they were less than impressed people smiling and clapping was with the way things ran. They amazing," he said. Novi resident Michael Schu- braved food shortages, walks Jeannie Schumacher saw her sometimes a block long to the husband's cameo appearance on bathroom and the New York City the show as an opportunity to net-

Schumacher hoped his winning transit system, all before the work and meet other would-be proa Garth Brooks impersonation on biggest 30-second performance of fessional singers. She also hopes 3 would boost his fledgling singing —"If all shows are like that, I ain't —springboard—for—her husband's never doing one again. The said. Standing backstage among a "We are hoping that someone will

"I just need somebody to give me including several Britney Spearses, interest in him," she said. the chance to show what I can do." a few Leanne Rymeses and a Linda Schumacher's wife, Jeannie, said Rondstadt, Schumacher said he she was at home watching televi- was quite nervous. Not only was sion one day when she saw an he the only male performer, but the advertisement that the show's pro-night before the taping the produc-Almost immediately, she sent straints.

"All I've ever wanted to do was via perform and I am good at it and to mplenda@ht.homecomm.net

the show will ultimately be a

bevy of crooning impersonators, see him perform and show some Her husband agreed. "Everyone's got to start some-

In addition to the appearance on ducers were looking for contestants ers had to change the song he "The Queen Latifah Show," Schuhoped to helt out due to time con- macher said he is releasing an album in the spring entitled them a tape of her husband singing Jeannie Schumacher said she "Dream Come True." The CD will never had any doubt he would ulti- feature three original songs and several covers of newer country

where," he said.

"I want to end up someplace big where I can sing for money and I can do what I have always dreamed Michael Schumacher said the of doing - entertaining," he said.

Melanie Plenda may be reached



tion runs until Dec. 23. The session begins Jan. 10. CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY HOURS The library will be closed Dec. 24 and Dec. 25 for the Christmas holiday. The library will be open for regular hours on Dec. 26.

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The role of Novi city manager can be a tough one and five applicants will get a taste of what it's like to be in the spotlight on Saturday morning at 8 a.m., when they're interviewed by the Novi City Council.

The session will be televised on cable Channel 13. While over 30 applications filtered in from throughout the U.S., the first interviewees are all from the greater Novi area. Lined up on Saturday will be Novi's own Director of Developmental Ser-

vices Kerreen Conley and the Director of Public Services Anthony Nowic-THE NOVI NEWS Published Each Thursday

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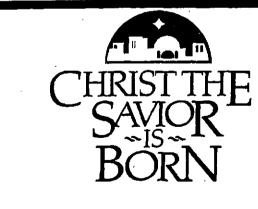
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No further interview sessions have been scheduled at this time. The chosen one will take over from City Manager Ed Kriewall when he retires



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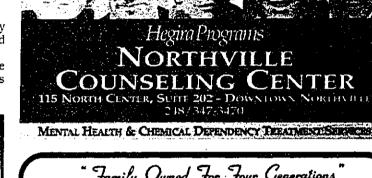
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a uniqueness the school didn't have before." Principal Imothy Falls said.

There is going to be a new heating system, new ceiling tile, redesigned classrooms — there are going to be a lot of great changes." With construction costs for renovations of the old

arate fifth grade and sixth grade schools. the school this year and an estimated 987 students attending during the 2000-2001 school year, Novi Meadows kids will have room to stretch out upon com-

pletion of the project. We will have two band rooms, two art rooms and two foreign language rooms for the upper elementary school," Falls said.

"There will be a student bookstore, media center and more accessible bathrooms for the students."

Falls said after the old middle school was empty, a barrier was put up to keep that wing from being accessible to students while construction crews came in to begin the conversion of the old school the new sixth grade house.

break. Falls said at that time students will move to the new house while construction begins on the Novi

Novi Meadows moves along

Falls said the renovations of Novi Meadows should Both students and faculty at Novi Meadows are be completed by December 2000 and then the fifth going through a time of transition, but the school's graders will be in the Meadows side and the sixth graders will be in the former middle school.

"A part of the problem is the great distance between "We are going to have an office in each of the houses because it may take 10 minutes to move from one

house to the next. So with the distance, two offices will constructed. each housing one counselor for fifth graders and one counselor for sixth graders.

ria in each house "Right now we have four serving lines in the cafete-With 950 fifth and sixth grade students attending ria and we will still have four serving lines - now it will be four in each house." Falls said. "It will give the students a greater opportunity to

enjoy more of their lunch and recess time." Like the rest of the Novi School District, the Meadows is implementing more team teaching. "With movable walls in some of the classes and separated work areas, there will be opportunities for large-group, regular-group and small-group instruc-

tion," Falls said. ground and next year, the Meadows will have central-

v-located but separated bus and parent drop-off "What has been nice about this arrangement is the kids haven't heard any of the noise or seen any dust." Falls said. "As far as safety and education, everything

B.J. Hammerstein's e-mail address is bhammer stein@ht.homecomm.net.

Meadows side.

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN

construction projects are moving along according to

"We are in a renovation phase where we are creating the two houses," Falls said.

middle school and Novi Meadows at \$8.2 million, upon completion the new Novi Meadows will have sep-

Separated by the Instructional Technology Center, Novi Meadows and the old middle school shared the facility until June of this year, before the faculty and staff of the middle school moved into their stylish new

With a completion goal around the time of spring

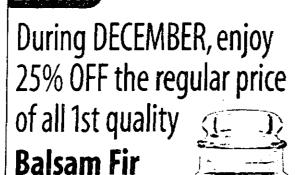
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Novi man down. The victim, while trying to move out of the way of the moving vehicle, was struck in his right arm by its passenger mirror.

The victim said his girlfriend, a 19-year-old Commerce Township woman, came to his house on South Lake Drive after the suspect nulled a knife on her and two of her friends, saving that he would kill each one of them.

It was at that time that the victim, a friend and his brother went out into the street to confront the ining. suspect about the assault.

said he went to question the susto jump out of the way and flee the scene in an eastbound direction on

According to the girlfriend, the about 3.5 inches long on the girls while the suspect was still seated

The victim said about two weeks earlier the suspect came to his house with a friend, both armed with baseball bats, because he is dating the suspect's ex-girlfriend.

The Novi Police contacted the Farmington Hills Police Department regarding the issue and the FHPD attempted to arrest the susfled the house out of his back win-

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Police News

The FHPD did observe damage to apologetic, admitted to being the vehicle's passenger window.

A 43-year-old Wolverine Lake An 18-year-old South Lyon male

man was arrested for resisting and was arrested for operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicatobstructing an officer at around 1 The officer was heading north on a.m., after an officer noticed the Novi Road when he saw a car vehicle ran off the road on the pulled over on Ledgeview Drive, south side of Twelve Mile Road, with headlights on but not runwest of Novi Road.

its lights on, engine running and Upon approaching the vehicle, While in the street, the victim the officer saw the subject slumped over the steering wheel. After pect when the suspect floored the knocking on the door, the man still of the road. gas in his car and drove directly at laid upon the steering wheel. Upon the three men. All of the men had opening the door, the officer smelled a strong odor of intoxiand woke up the driver. cants, called to to the man, attempted to awaken him and then

called for medical assistance. suspect pulled a large pocket knife While waiting for assistance, the intoxicants and the radio turned suspect began to come through — on loud. Attempting a field sobriety drifting in and out of conscioustest, the man spoke with slurred ness - calling the officer different names, as well as starting to throw punches at him.

When the officer kept identifying himself, the subject became more belligerent and started throwing legal limit to drive. harder punches. While attempting to handcuff the suspect, the two fell to the ground. The Novi Fire BAD CHECKS pect for felonious assault. But he and helped the officer cuff the sus- came into the Novi Police Depart- the Novi Police Department at 348- to be licensed.

The officer found the vehicle with

vehicle in drive after it ran over a

company completed a landscape project for the suspects and

received partial payment of \$5,000 before starting the project. At the station, the suspect was After completion of the project, the victim received a check for the drunk and didn't cause any further balance of \$6.137. The victin

attempted to deposit the check, but couldn't because the account was closed. The victim stated he had made several attempts to contact the suspect, but the suspect refused to answer the phone or ing liquor Dec. 5, around 5:18 return any calls. The Novi Police Department referred the victim to the Oakland County Bad Check form where it is possible the victim Food assistance will be available to obtain restitu-

A 32-year-old female on the With the man passed out, the 42000 block of South Fountain officer opened the door, placed the vehicle in park, shut off the engine her car sometime Dec. 5 between midnight and 9 a.m.

Upon opening the door, the offi-The victim stated she accidentalcer noticed the odor of strong y left her car door unlocked during the night and the suspect entered the vehicle and removed paperwork from the glove box.

speech. After reading the suspect The paperwork was then placed his preliminary breath test rights, on the passenger side seat and set the officer administered the test on fire. The burn was approximateresulting in a 0.147. Michigan law ly six inches in diameter and states that lower than a 0.10 is the caused about \$750 worth of dam-

Citizens with information about

The victim stated that he and his **Santa on ice** Santa Claus will be at the Novi Ice Arena for open skating on Sunday. Dec. 19 from 2 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. Children of all ages are invited to skate along. Christmas music, candy and the Jolly Old Elf are only part of the fun. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$4 for students and senior citizens. Novi residents receive \$1 off with proof of residency.

Retail fantasy

Only a few more shopping days until 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 21, the last chance to purchase a raffle ticket for the Novi Chamber of Commerce's \$5,000 Holiday Shopping Spree before the chamber's luncheon. Only 100 tickets will be sold, at \$100 a crack. The drawing will be Dec. 21 at the luncheon. For information, contact the chamber at 349-3743.

Oakland Livingston Human Services will be distributing free food, through the Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program in Oakland County during December.

All people that are income eligible and not registered may do so at the site by bringing social security cards for all household members, verification of household income and photo identification on Dec. 14 from 12:30 Park reported damage occurred to p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Novi Senior Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. For income eligibility requirements or additional information, call Trudy Long at OLHSA's Community and Family Services Department in Pontiac at (248) 209-2655 or (800) 482-9250.

Winter taxes due

stop at the intersections and yield

at the intersection before they did.

The City of Novi treasurer's office mailed out bills the first week of December for winter taxes. Taxes are due at city hall before Feb. 14, 2000 without penalty. If you did not receive your bill, notify the office at (248)

In addition, dog licenses are available at the city treasurer's office at a discounted rate through March 1, 2000. After the due date of March 1, licenses are considered delinquent and the price increases to \$30.

If dogs are spayed or neutered the cost is \$7.50 to license and for senior citizens it's \$6.75. If the dogs are not spayed or neutered the cost for Department arrived on the scene On Dec. 10, a Northville man the above incidents are urged to call licensing will be \$15 and \$13.75 for senior citizens. Cats aren't required

Road commission warns of possible Y2K glitches

If, at the stroke of midnight on Dec. 31, some of the fears about "Drivers should treat intersections with 'black' trafthe year 2000 computer bug, or "Y2K" come true, and the electrical power goes out in Oakland County. it will likely shut down some or all of the nearly 1,200 traffic signals maintained by the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) While RCOC believes the likelihood of this happening is not great, it offers the following guidelines for responding to "black" traffic signals

as a precaution. "RCOC has gone to great lengths to ensure that we are prepared for Y2K, and we believe that Detroit Edison has done the same," said RCOC managing director Brent Bair. "While we don't anticipate a
If there are power outages, Bair

fic signals as four-way stops on January 1, just as they should any other time." Managing Director, Caldand County Road Commission

Bair said drivers should pay particular attention to whether signals as possible after the power goes are operating or blacked out imme-

diately after midnight on Dec. 31.

power outage, it would be irrespon- said, RCOC will power traffic sigsible not to prepare for such a pos-nals at approximately 20 key intersections with gas-powered genera- to see that you are going," Bair

> out. All other "black" signalized intersections will function as four-

"Drivers should treat intersec- some time to install the signs if the tions with 'black' traffic signals as power outage is widespread. four-way stops on Jan. I just as they should any other time," Bair stated. That means drivers should pal employees are also expected to

right of way to vehicles that arrived sections as possible to help ensure

ator is not placed, but it may take ed problems that may occur.

of power outages. "When your turn comes, doublecheck to make sure no one else is coming through the intersection tional temporary stop signs in and proceed slowly and cautiously anticipation of the event.

be on hand at as many busy inter-

traffic flows smoothly in the event

so that other drivers have a chance Additionally, Bair said RCOC employees will be on the job on New Year's Eve and the following It is RCOC's goal to post tempo- days to place and monitor the genrary stop signs at many of the erators and temporary stop signs mator intersections where a gener- or respond to any other road-relat-



Twelve Oaks hit by jewel thieves

While Novi Police were investigating a case – dle in which a man stole \$97,000 worth of yewelry from a display case at Artisan Jewelers. in Twelve Oaks Mall, investigators learned of yet another jewel theft in Twelve Oaks, for which two Ohio men are charged.

Walters, 36, both of Warren, Ohio are tions, Page and Walters were developed as Novi 52-1 District Court on retail fraud and thought to be part of a loosely-organized leads. crime gang based out of Cleveland.

after the theft of a ladies' diamond ring val- - team, a surveillance team comprised of offi-

ued at \$18,000 from Bailey Banks and Bid - cers from Novi, Farmington Hills and the

According to police, one subject distracted the store clerk while the other swapped the ring with a similar ring containing a cubiczirconia. Police said the Cleveland gang has been commutang psychry theits in the Detroit. Police said Eric Page, 43, and Prescott - metropolitan area and upon those investiga-

It was during a traffic stop in Farmangton. Both men were arrested Thursday, Dec. 9. Hills when the other contacted the SONIC

West Bloomfield Township police departs The SONIC team, along with a Michigan

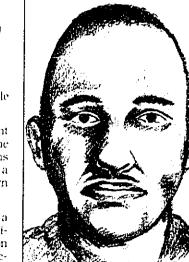
State Police surveillance team, placed both—complexion and a thin build, thin mustache subjects under observation, which later

The men were arraigned Monday in the habitual offender charges. Police said further investigation has revealed the suspects are responsible for thefts of diamonds in Roseville, Madison Heights and Livonia.

police are still looking for a man who stole jewels from Artisan Jewelers on Dec. 4. Described as a black male with a light

and wearing a brown jacket and blue jeans — the suspect exited Twelve Oaks Mall in a small white vehicle, possibly being a Saturn or Chevrolet Cavalier. The attached composite drawing is a

sketch of the subject from the theft at Artisan Jewelers. Anvone with information on identifying the subject is asked to call Detective Kevin Hebert at (248) 347-0548.



Northville plans Y2K family fun

BY ANDREW DIETDERICH Staff Writer

Northville Parks and Recreation plans to make sure many Northville families are Y2K compliant when it comes to having a great New Year's Eve. The department has organized

the third annual Northville Nite for

the big evening and tickets are Daniel McGuire Jr., recreation program supervisor for Northville Parks and Recreation and coordinator of the event, said this year's

Northville Nite should be bigger "The first year we had 400 people and last year we had 600," he said. This year we should have at least

The event will be 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Northville High School, McGuire said there will be so many events at this year's party, it would be impossible to get to every single

For example, there will be inflatable Twister, inflatable Operation. two moon walks, a velcro wall, face painting, family pictures, a craft workshop, an open gym and open swimming pool equipped with a

lifeguard. Additionally, dinner will be served with grilled chicken breast, rice pilaf, salad bar and vegetable for parents and hot dogs, macaroni and cheese, salad bar and desert

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A seven-member committee put the program together. McGuire said the event gives families a great opportunity to have a fun year's eve without a lot of

"Families can go out, have a good time and be home by midnight." McGuire said.

Tickets for Northville Nite 1999 are on sale at the Northville Parks and Recreation, 303 W. Main St. Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 6

The cost is \$13 for adults and \$8 for children with the cost of the tickets going towards the cost of this year's event. Any excess funds will go toward next year's event, McGuire said.

More information may be obtained by calling Northville Parks and Recreation at (248) 349-0203. Andrew Dietderich may be reached via e-mail at adietderich@ht.homecomm.net.



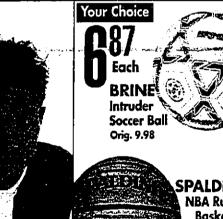
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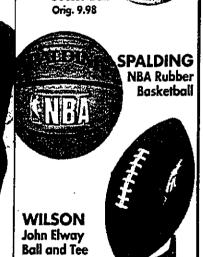
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BARBARA H. ALLISON

Barbara H. Allison, 57, died Dec. 10 in Novi, where she resided.

She was born Oct. 17, 1942, in Anguilla, Miss., to her late parents. Oscar and Vivian Smith.

Mrs. Allison was employed as a the Stanley Door Co. She moved in of Denver, Colo.; and granddaugh-1971 from Detroit to the Novi com-ter. Sarah Allison of Novi. munity. Her memberships included Ward Evangelical Presbyterian where she was a member of the brother, Robert Martin Smith. New Covenant Sunday School

class, and the International Iron antiques, mainly printer trays.

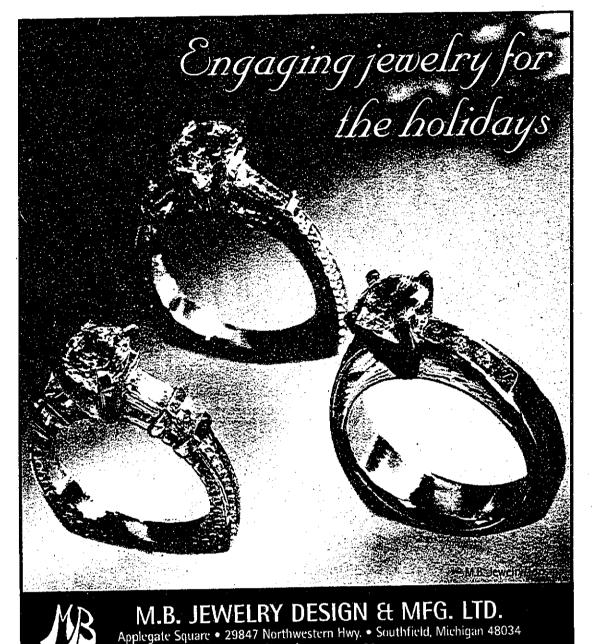
She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Gary of Novi; daughters, Lynn of Novi and Laura of Northville: son, Matthew of Novi: technician for 12 years at Whistler brother. Clifton (Lynn) Smith of Automation Corp. of Novi, formerly Dallas, Oreg.: sister, Marilyn Smith

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Arbor, Mich. 48109 would be Church of Northville Township. Allison was preceded in death by a appreciated by the family.

Workers Union. She enjoyed old day, Dec. 12 at Ward Evangelicalmovies, singing, family reunions in Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Mississippi, and collecting Neil Ellison and the Rev. Tim Franklin officiating.

> Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of

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Rapping 'bout the millennium

Novi High School teenagers share their spin on Y2K

The year 2000. Mystique surrounds the magical event, from uncertainty about the New Year's Eve celebration to what will happen on the day after - the millennium lingers in everybody's

As people prepare for what promises to be a significant event in one form or another, some Novi High School students shared their thoughts on what they are going to be do at this moment in history and what they think about all the

As a member of the Class of 2000, Jason Perras said his goals for the New Year's will be to remember the evening.

"Me and a bunch of my friends are going to go up north to a cottage by Traverse City." Perras said. We are going to be miles away from the nearest big city and I don't blow up. We're going to do some will be joined by four other Novi

going up north as well. "I don't have any specific plans

yet," Byron said. There are a couple of big parties

in Miami dancing during the halftime show of the Orange Bowl. As a member of the Mid-Ameri-

Bills require safer needles for medical employees

By Mike Malott HomeTown News Service mmalott@homecomm.net

Working for a doctor or in a denist's office might not sound like a dangerous occupation, but health are employees may be putting break out a hypodermic to give an

A mere prick to the finger from that needle, after being used on a patient, could transmit diseases like HIV or Hepatitis B or C. According to state Rep. David Woodward, D-Madison Heights. there are 20 incurable bloodborne pathogens" that could be transmitted to a doctor, nurse or dentist through a needle stick

The Center for Disease Control estimates that some 600,000 needle stick injuries occur across the nation each year, yet less than 15 percent of hospitals and medical facilities use safety needles, designed to reduce the risk of stick injuries and already available on the market today.

Woodward and Rep. Paul DeWeese, R-Williamston, are proposing legislation to mandate that medical offices in Michigan switch to safety needles. Woodward explained that the cheapest of these devices simply have a retractable guard that moves to cover the needle after the injection

Rather than mandate which device be used. DeWeese said the bills would create a panel under the state Department of Community Health to review safety needles available on the market and list those acceptable for use in Michi-

The bills are sure to be popular with hospital nurses, whose unions and associations have been advocating the switch to the safer needles. But hospital administrators are concerned with the cost of the regulation.

Obviously, there is a cost versus enefit factor to everything," said Donald Potter, president of the Southeast Michigan Hospital Council. "If we are going to have a risk free world, that does not come without a cost."

According to Woodward, the cost of safety needles comes to about 20 cents per needle. While that may not sound like much, DeWeese pointed out that hospitals use needles in very high volumes.

Woodward said that the costs of treating a health care employee who has suffered a needle stick injury is very high as well. Once stuck, the worker must be monitored through the use of blood tests every six months for several years to determine if some disease has been passed. Each blood test costs \$500, he said.

Both bills have been referred to the House Committee on Health Policy. DeWeese said the bills will likely come up for a vote early next



think anything is really going to can Pom Pon All Star Team, Moore hanging out with my good friends." High School students who will be senior Sean Goldsmith said what- to get a life," junior Justin Fischer coordinated into the big halftime

> whole production." Moore said. There is going to be a formal said. dance and a bunch of other stuff and returning on Jan. 2." Junior Kim Thompson said she

thinks the evening will be crazy, but her plans probably won't be. I don't have anything special planned," she said.



Jason Perras

Also with no specific plans set, on a bunch of different things need ever he does, there won't be any friends drinking and driving. "I may end up hopping on a bus scared of." and going to New York." Goldsmith

"I may just go over a friend's house. We don't let any of our friends drink and drive. That is basically what our party policy is." shifted toward Y2K concerns, the majority of the students shared the a little worried about what may same beliefs about the much-



Cortney Byron

"The people who are stocking up

Some have fiscal concerns buying guns — I think that is ridiculous," Byron said.

Moore added that with her trip scheduled for Miami, her mother is Perras said that when it comes to



computers, it is hard to say what is going to happen. "You never know what Bill Gates is up to." Perras said.

"With this Y2K, you never what is going to happen. And as the year 2000 is just a couple of weeks away, Perras said he was expecting a little bit more as

"Five or six years ago, the year 2000 seemed so far away," he said. "I thought there might of been flying cars or something from Back to the Future' - I am kind of dis-

"I also thought there was going to be flying cars and steaks in the form of pills." Goldsmith said.

"Now I realize Jan. 1 is going to be fust another day in the life."

And others say enough of all "New Year's has been built up to

be such a great big thing," Moore "I am sick of hearing about Y2K. The most exciting thing about this

s being able to live through the nillennium change." And as the notable nineties comes to a close, the students

thought about the last 10 years would be remembered.

The Nineties are about diversi-"People listen to different kinds

ing with their pants waist sagging down to their knees, the students

agreed that it was a diverse decade. "There were just a lot of different phases and styles," Perras said. That's why they saved the best

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By MELANIE PLENDA Staff Writer

holidays

Entertainer Guy Lauis already knows how he will spend Christ-

After he trims his tree he will light his Menocali and set his dinner table with dried ears of corn, allthe while humming his favorite. winter solstice song. Louis shared his appreciation for

the European, Jewish, African and Native American cultures in his-Chautauqua Express *One World Holiday' program he did for Thornton Creek Elementary School students Dec. 8

I wanted to help the children celebrate people who were different than us by celebrating what we have in common," Louis said. For over an hour Louis danced

sang and laughed with the students from Thornton Creek as hetaught them the legends behind each of the major holiday celebrations: Christmas, Hanukkah. Kwanzaa and the Native American Winter Solstice. This one-man band brings with him nearly 20 instruments, which students play to help them understand the cultures behind each celebration, he

"If they can feel like they can be a part of the joy and fun of the celebration, if they can touch the instruments, dance and sing, they are more receptive to the message of that culture," Louis said. Louis has been a musician for 15 years and said he got his start teaching and singing for children in college. After his college group disbanded Louis said he discovered he loved entertaining and teaching children. He said he then formed his own traveling musical show

*Some students are exposed to music in a class and come away with the feeling that it is boring, I really want to teach them the funand creative side of music," Louis

based on a form of entertainment that was around at the turn of the

Louis' entertainment and education program is nothing new. They are based on Chautauquas, which were traveling shows with troupes that would set up under large tents to offer various types of entertaining and educational performances. Chautauquas were largely found in North America and were sources of cultural enrichment, local colorand news and information from

Louis's Chautauqua Express is a revival of this form of info-tainment. He is supported not only by the e Michigan Touring Arts, but also by the Wolf Trap Institute in Washington D.C.. He said he emphasizes audience interaction and participation.

At Thornton Creek, students who smiled big, were quiet and all the way down," were chosen to be a part of the show. Louis would ask them questions about the different holidays, which would segue way into a song or dance that included the students.

Some students learned how to play the Louis's assortment of percussion instruments, while others strummed an African Kora and shook Native American percussion

I liked that he let us play the instruments because even if you don't know how to play it you can still try, second grader Joshua Behmer, 7, said.

The program culminated in all of the students either playing an instrument or joining in a chant for Africa to illustrate a Kwanzaa celebration. Even principal Cheryl Johnson got in on the excitement and danced with the children.

"Again this is helping them learn their core democratic values by teaching them about diversity. The kids are really enjoying themselves and learning at the same time," she

Louis said he has a number of programs, including an American music tour, African- American musical influences, an Environmental Show, as well as many others. He said he designed this holiday show by taking portions of other's shows and putting them

You know you go into a school, and you can't sing about Jesus anymore and there are only so many times you can sing about Rudolph and Santa before everyone gets bored. This way I thought it would be much more interesting

for everyone," he said. More information regarding the Chautauqua Musical express can be obtained by calling 1-800-377-

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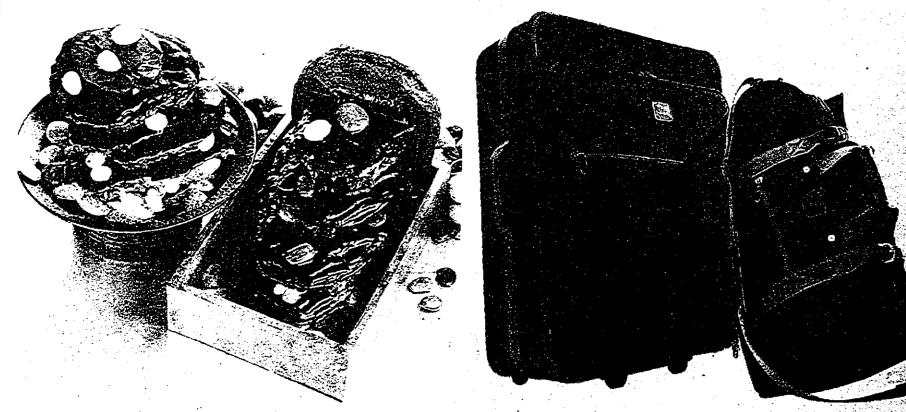
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With foot-stomping appreciative kids dancing to his drumming, Guy Louis, right, brings his Chatagua Music Express program to Thornton Creek Elementary School last week. Incorporating many differing ethnic musical styles, Guy showed the students and faculty how the winter solstice is celebrated. Here, with a "talking drum," he is highlighting the African harvest holiday of

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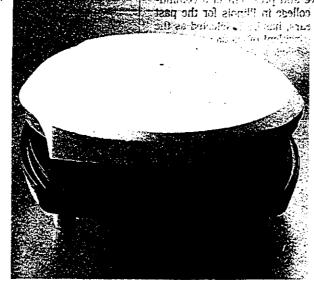
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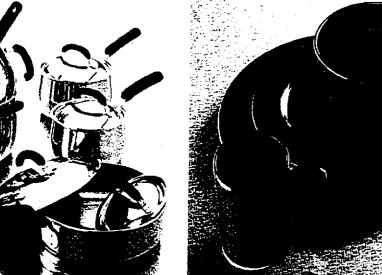
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"What were my choices? I could deliver papers. I wasn't too interested in doing either one of those "I was sort of the grunt labor."

So dish washing it was. But for all the used plates and glasses he helped clean. Swamba also had some time to observe cooks in action and made mental notes along the way about how the kitchen hands made the meals As time went on, Swamba

that Swamba got his first real It happened when one of the regular cooks called in sick, forcing management at the former Northville eatery to enlist Swam-"It was something relatively sim-

ple, if I remember," Swamba said. right." "A sandwich or a salad or some- His talents didn't go unnoticed, mean much," he said. "More

Vive La Difference

around restaurants through his rant in Port Austin. He's been at La years attending Northville High Difference for a few months now. School and began working at The restaurant specializes in Meadowbrook Country Club after high-quality kosher dishes, pregraduating. He said he wanted to pared according to Jewish custom. wait and save some money so he At La Difference. Swamba works as could begin attending Schoolcraft the executive sous chef. College's School of Culinary Arts,

test at Schoolcraft, sharpening his foods," Swamba said. skills to the point where he was jumped restaurants and worked at able to participate with his classboth Northville's MacKinnon's and mates at several national culinary Crawford's. It was at Crawford's arts competitions and managed to helped prepare. The competitions were probably

> Schoolcraft) Swamba said. "We'd spend all morning long fied master chef. Only 55 CMCs practicing and practicing the dish- work in the United States.

working at the Ritz Carlton in and it carries a great deal more either have a lemonade stand or Swamba continued bouncing Dearborn and The Farm Restau- value than it once did."

"A lot of people hear the term

pancakes or matzo balls, but that's coming in here and doing what I Swamba said he was put to the just the traditional side of the "We specialize in fresh fish and

veretable dishes here." Swamba said he spends a good portion of his time reading trade publications and professional journals, seeking new methods of preparing foods. All of that is done. the best part about going (to he said, in the hope of living out his

> "About 15 years ago, people heard 'chef and it didn't really

was getting the experience. I loved craft in July. Swamba spent time more careful attention to the title

cooking and the culinary arts. lack of weekend time off and almost certain job responsibilities

"You really have to love this job," one of the most well-regarded such 'kosher food' and think of potato he said. "I do. I look forward to

> About the only time Swamba said he didn't enjoy cooking was at

"I'm pretty burned out by the

help me out at home in the kitchen

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Northville looks at expansion of historic Rural Hill Cemetery

BY ANDREW DIETDERICH

City of Northville and Northville Township officials literally are taking up a grave issue.

City officials are considering a possible expansion of Rural Hill Cemetery on the south end of the cemetery into open land in

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By Mike Malott HomeTown News Service

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president

Dr. Norman Stephens, a Chicago

native and president of a commu-

hity college in Illinois for the past-

six years, has been selected as the

nity College's Auburn Hills cam-

Named to the position Monday

evening, Dec. 13, by the OCC

Board of Trustees in a 6-0 vote,

Stephens will take over the post

effective Jan. 4. He will take over

from Gordon May, who has served

as the interim president for the

past year and half. May will take a

sabbatical to pursue his doctorate

Stephens, 56, has been presi-

dent of Lincoln Land Community

College in Springfield, Illinois since

1993. Prior to that, he was the vice

three years as the campus provost

and vice president at Hillsborough

Community College in Florida and

nine years as a science instructor,

dean and vice president at St.

Petersburg Junior College in Flori-

from the University of Florida,

which he received in 1971. He

earned his masters and bachelor's

degrees at the University of Florida

from civic organizations, including

the Outstanding Community Ser-

vice Award in 1977, '78 and '79'

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ship Award in 1998.

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in 1967 and 1965 respectively.

Stephens has an Ed.D. degree

Additional experience includes

president of academic services.

at Wayne State University.

Northville Township.

"It would be really tough for the "People would have to go to pri- assumed responsibility for the would expand the life of the cemevate areas in surrounding commu- cemetery in the 1940s.

If the expansion doesn't happen, nities like Livonia or South Lyon." Jim Gallogly, City of Northville department of public works direc-

Rural Hill is located at the intertor, said the amount of space left in section of Fairbrook and South the cemetery could fill within just a Rogers. The cemetery, which consists of about 18 acres of land, was southernmost border of the cemestarted in 1885 when some local tery. The expansion, which would residents bought a farm and include new roads and knocking turned it into a cemetery. The city down trees among other things.

about 100 sites sell annually. thing goes as planned, work on the

Gallogly said the city wants to project would begin late in the summer of 2000. tery by between 30 and 50 years.

Today, about 200 grave sites are available in the cemetery, however, cost at least \$100,000. If every-said.

approve the expansion and Gallogly said neighbors might not like the idea of the expansion.

The public hearings for this

township will hold a public hearing on the expansion in the early part

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Above: Novi Hlah School teacher Amy Kolesar goes over some upcoming DECA district compe tition information with Justin Focher. left, and Sean Goldsmith in their marketing class. At right: Kim Thompson, left, and Lindsey Drake got involved in selling stuffed animals for and publicizing the Children's Miracle Network.

Take extra precautions if you've got to shovel snow

The American Heart Association suggests that the decision to shovel snow should not be made lightly. Shoveling snow might be one of the most strenuous activities some peop will ever attempt. Lifting a shovel piled with snow tremenload. It's natural for the blood vessels to temporally narrow in cold weather. Too much strain on the heart during these conditions could cause a heart attack. Dr. Barry Franklin, director of Cardiac Rehabilitation at William Beaumont Hospital has some information that might make you think before you pick up that shovel. "Several years ago, researchers found that the heart rate and blood

pressure responses to shoveling heavy wet snow often approached and exceeded the same responses during maximum exercise testing. And, within two minutes, most subjects had already exceeded their upper heart rate limit for aerobic exercise training."

According to The American Heart Association, anyone who chooses to shovel should take precautions: · Warm up before you begin to

· Pace your work and take frequent periods of rest. · Lift small, rather than large loads of snow. · Refrain from consuming large meals before and after shoveling. . Do not consume alcohol, caffeine, or use tobacco before or after

 Avoid inhaling cold air by wearing a breathing mask or muffler. Protect exposed areas of the body from frostbite, another snow shoveling risk.

In persons who are normally inactive, with known or hidden heart disease, snow shoveling can trigger heart attacks and even sudden cardiac death. People who are most at risk are men and women over 40 years of age with a history of heart disease or symptoms that suggest a cardiac problem. They include angina, palpitations or dizziness. Also at risk are those people with one or more of the major coronary risk factors (cigarette smoking, high blood pressure, elevated blood cholesterol, or a sedentary lifestyle). For these people, the best solution is not to shovel at all.

The American Heart Association stresses, knowing the signs of a heart attack and getting to the hospital immediately can save your life. If you have any of these signs, get help fast.

• Uncomfortable pressure, full-

ness, squeezing or pain in the center of the chest lasting for more than a few minutes. Pain spreading to shoulders.

· Chest discomfort with lightheadedness, fainting, sweating, nausea or shortness of breath. For more information, contact your nearest American Heart Association or call 1-800-242-8721.

Marketing students learn value of charitable work

Novi High School juniors Lindsey Drake and Kim Thompson are busy selling balloons and collecting donations for stuffed animals. The high school students are testing their entrepreneurial instincts not to earn money for spring break, but rather for a char-

As part of the DECA program at Novi High School, a national stu- sciousness among themdent organization for students interested in careers in marketing. selves and the commumanagement and merchandising, Drake and Thompson are helping raise funds for the Children's Miracle Network. This is part of a national charitable effort, the Civic Consciousness Project, 2000.

"We are raising money that will go to local hospitals to help people with medical expenses and equip-

"We sell balloons during lunches and we are asking a minimum mals. All the money goes to chari-The DECA organization at Novi

Currently directed by marketing

teacher and advisor Amy Kolesar. Kolesar said with categories

apparel and accessories and fullservice restaurant management. students are encouraged to choose of April. "DECA gives the students

"I am proud of the students for all of their involvement and time

donated. They support each other and have helped raise social con-

tion for their future and it gives the

and national competitions, Kolesar High was launched during the said DECA requires members to

be held at West Bloomfield High School on Jan. 8. After regionals. the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn in March and the national competition will be in Louisville at the end

made presentations at the national

her students will have the opportunity to participate in the national competition, including Drake and Thompson for the work they have done with generating funds for the Children's Miracle Network.

Susan Cusick, Novi Community Credit Union vice president of community development, said the credit union and Novi High have had an educational partnership over the years which has recently expanded to the DECA students.

Cusick said the Children's Miracle Network was part of the Civic Consciousness Project. 2000 which has a diversity of programs that will help children while dispersing the funds locally.

concept on how we are approaching the sales of the balloons and There are flyers posted around

the school, we worked with the school newspaper, sent out announcements and now the Novi News. This is something we're really interested in doing and it's a

1997-1998 school year by Michael complete a 25- to 30-page paper or organization has really supported participate in a role play which the efforts of Drake and Thompson during their fund raising drive.

donated," Kolesar said.

have helped raise social consciousness among themselves and the

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Sen. Levin gives encouragement to Novi teachers

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN

steerinology, sand f. S. Ser. Cart. and, Different Samorrow that can help teachers. at, the state use to imploy as at edicational tool, he added "We were faced with the questions of educational technology many years ago," Levin said. "Distance-learning, software, mardware — there was a missing link everywhere. We got together in

Lansing about one-and-a-half years ago and discussed numerous. technology issues. "There has been an effort for usto be supportive and make it possible for teachers to use technology." Levin came to Novi High School on Dec. 9, and was introduced to facilitators, teachers, students and

some of the developers of the TFT program.
The TFT program was developed by Merit's Center to Support Tech-

nology in Education and includes an online course that trains a local Michagan is behind in education facilitator to assist teachers with

Department Chair Gary Kelly has just finished teaching the TFT prothree graduate hours of credit.

exposed to TFT to share their expe-

The TFT program was was devel-

oped between September 1998 and June 1999, with the intent to develop an interactive, multimedia, for K-12 educators and to pilot the use of the materials with a set of 25 local facilitators to 250 classrooms At Novi High, Social Studies

gram to 10 educators. Kelly said the course is part of an extended learning program through Central Michigan University and upon completion, students will earn During the conference, a roundening Levin about the program and allowing people who have been



Senator Carl Levin, right, and his state director Charles Wilbur, center, meet at Novi High School Thursday afternoon with regional educators to discuss their Teach for Tomorrow Internet learning initiative, which gives computer skills to area teachers.

"There has been a lot of immedi- developing bookmarks and web so concrete." Levin said. ate application to what has been taught. Kelly said.

Some of the subjects covered in teaching web page authoring. the TFT course include: the best

use of the Internet with students; so abstract has become something pages as teacher tools for instruc- "When talking technology with tion: learning and teaching search students, you can see how the kids This is the kind of technology we strategies: curriculum planning are fascinated and thrilled when with the Internet; and learning and using the computers - it is really

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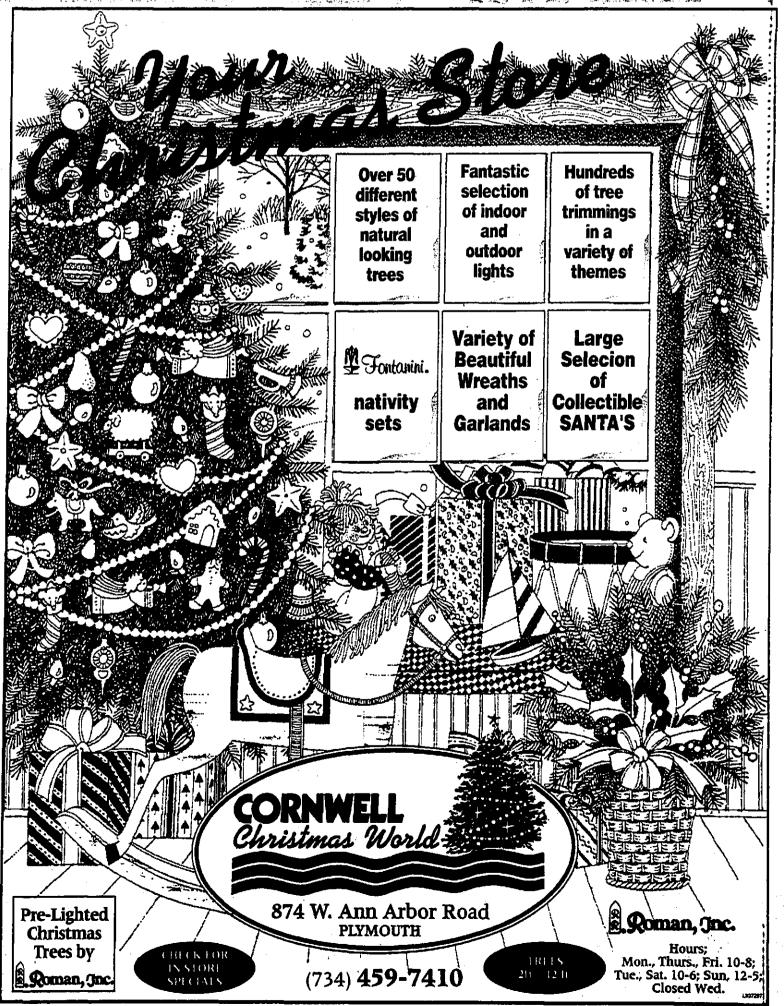
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Northville schools work to scratch out lice in students

By MELANIE PLENDA ta et al. locali pair on North Leville at have we this sear the ill entaken the and the following Classic

mulii, bew bas been Best and allower of the turnty parasites," meaning anyone the scalp due to louse saliva and inits with a louse or nit comb. This classes of Alexanester Elementary School came lown with a case of school and parents have taken and can strike rich or poor alike, proper precamings to ensure that the website said. there will be no more cases in the

certainly rely on parents to be to check for account their eggs — or — stered furniture for a brief time. — does, "Raynes said." tills - 18 to the wayne County scalp to loosen the eggs from the through the shilds hair to locate and stuffed animals should be. Health Department, at the first hair. Combs should then be her and their essay. According to the Harvard School of Medicine website on the subject, experts also recommended that lice removal is completed and all used to get rid of the pests. A lice (Fediculus capitis) are small combs, brushes, hats, and other lice and viable eggs are destroyed. shampoo containing permethrin or

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flat the second of the second schools by the larger of prince—have to keep an eve out for," she said.

to living on the skin and neck hairs - infected person should be washed of human hosts. The insects grab in hot water every day. onto the hair shaft and hold on. The worst these lousy lice can the Harvard website. The "old-fashwith all six legs and feed on blood. do, the website noted, is cause joined way of "nit-picking" or They are known as "equal oppor- some annoyance and sensitivity of can get them. Their presence does feces. It is rare they said, for lice to can, however, be very time connot connote a lack of hygiene or cause any serious damage or ill-suming, often requiring several sanitation practices of their host ness.

Additionally, lice are mainly schools are still concerned that a acquired by head-to-head contact child found to have lice is treated child's hair should be washed and with another person's hair. However, quickly and effectively, Raynes, detangled before attempting to use er, some are transferred by sharing said. combs, hats and other hair accesto remain in bedding or uphol- Free guidelines as each school insects they recommend combing

ones most often affected by lice, eggs.

"We are following the Wayne website. sories, it is also possible for them. County Department of Health's Nit. when removing the offending

washed and dried with heat sign of lice, a child will be excluded cleaned frequently and thoroughly. according to the web site. Harvard from school until first treatment of parasitic insects that have adapted hair accessories in contact with an. This is generally for a period of pyrethrins specifically labeled for

seven to 10 days. A child may be excluded again if the they are reinfested or if a second dose of the treatment does not kill all of the

lice and their eggs. "Once the child has been treated we request proof of treatment, Raynes said, "Parents can bring in the label or bottle of the treatment they used." Raynes said.

There are many treatments available for lice removal according to hours each night for several nights However, since children are the to remove all of the lice and their

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Raynes said more information is from the hair shaft towards the available at Winchester, including a video and pamphlets. something we all have to keep an Special shampoos can also be

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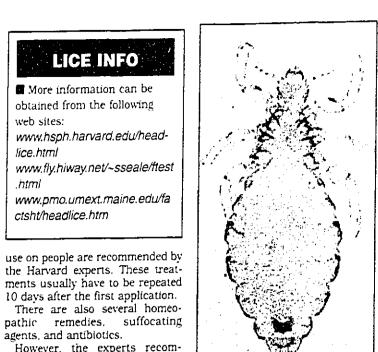
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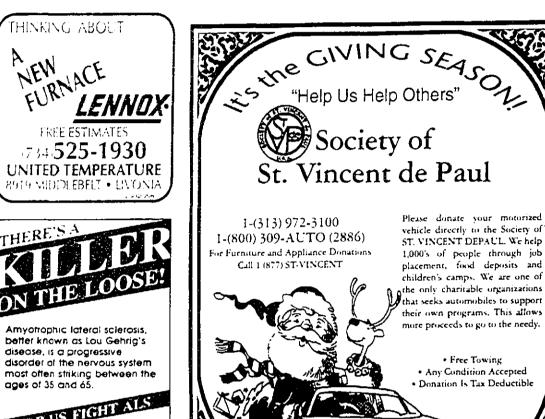
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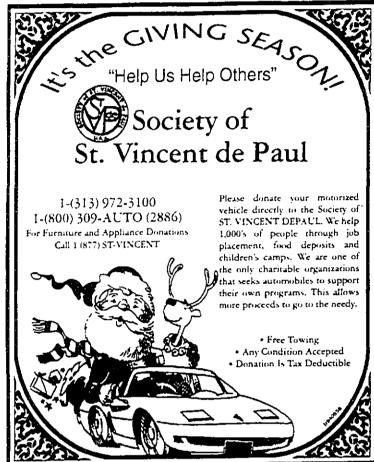


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message to people who might go aware of the consequences." MacKenzie said the purpose of Y2CARE is to increase scrutiny see more out-reach." upon individuals who have been

land County District Courts. "One can predict the danger simning of 1999, a time with far less , a higher risk of recidivism. social significance." MacKenzie

"And we are also trying to send a County will be much safer.

killed 159 people.

out and drink that they should be Town Hall meeting we had a year a.m. on Jan. 1, 2000. With each of the Oakland Coun-

and New Year's Day at the begin-defendants, are considered to be at

"In that 24-hour time frame,

ago in October," MacKenzie said.

under the supervision of the Oak-reviewing records of the defendants currently over 100 defendants who who have been convicted and sen- are deemed high risk and will be tenced to current terms of proba-required to remain in their homes ply by looking at New Year's Eve tion, the individuals, over 1,000 during this time period.

"This program comes from the Dec. 31, 1999 and from 7 a.m. to 9 Year's period." "People told us they wanted to be staffed by members of each

convicted of drunk driving and are ty District Courts in the process of Also, MacKenzie added there are Macomb County

MacKenzie said those were the device to their telephone," he said. people who will be ordered into the

have been created throughout telephone and the defendants will highways and roads of Oakland alcohol and drug testing between

> MacKenzie said these sites will organization and volunteers from

"Michigan House Arrest will attach an alcohol monitoring

Through computers, the alcohol

breathing device will be attached

According to MacKenzie, by southeastern Michigan, eight in have to breathe into the phone to Detroit Post ensuring that the convicted drunk Oakland County, where the defen- ensure that they have not condrivers are closely monitored, the dants will be required to appear for sumed alcohol. "These people will be called on Plaza the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. on different occasions during the New Taylor, Mich. 48180

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Jury convicts father of manslaughter in baby's choking death

The marijuana, alcohol and his anger were things

Judge Fred Mester The infant's September 1987 cal Examiner's Office. Burns told dent. police the infant choked on a plastic ice cube given to her to help White explained. with teething. But two women

Novi Police to reopen the case. Burns' 18-year-old niece and a friend, Pamela Iveson, testified that he felt guilty about the death and defense. had shoved the cube down her throat to stop her from crying. Novi Police Detective Paul Stuligross pointed to Burns's use of marijua-

facing a Feb. 9 sentencing by The marijuana, alcohol and his anger were things the jury found disturbing," said Burns's attorney dent by the Oakland County Medi- maintains the death was an acci-"At the most it was negligence."

"The use of the plastic cube for came forward in November of 1997 teething was the worst thing (the were young parents and they hadn't known that." Burns did not testify in his

White claims the police and prosecutor created the murder charge by twisting evidence. But assistant investigated and said Burns con- prosecutor Townsend said the tesfessed to the crime. Testimony also timony of the witnesses an the medical examiner told the truth. "We had a very good hardworking

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death was originally ruled an acciRobert White this week. Still, White the jury found disturbing. At the most, it was negli-

with enough new information for couple) did. It was dangerous. They jury... The jury used common iner Dr. Ljubisa Dragovic, not the medical examiner at the time of the sense," he explained.

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As We See It

Televised interviews bode well for hiring city manager

balls thrown and always, always O'Neal keep smiling at the audience."

tisement that went out when Novi - prepared. City Manager Ed Kriewall announced his retirement, but it United States have sought might have been.

ment - and the appeal at the Michiassume the title of Novi city manag- policy er. Maybe that's why the first flurry of resumes came in from out-of- city manager? A thick-skinned prostate applicants. It seems as if local fessional who is organized and busimunicipal management-types were nesslike, of course. Above all, an keeping a low profile at first, to individual with an open, upfront, check out the competition and see candid approach to city business. who was stepping forward.

willing to try on Kriewall's shoes for ees. council members, the business size. You want openness in government? You've got it here. The interviews will be conducted by the Novi English

would like to take over the helm at Sandstone case. city hall - Novi's own Director of Because, unfair or otherwise, Developmental Services, Kerreen raise people's taxes and the buck Conley and Director of Public Ser- will fall on the newcomer.

"Wanted: An all-around municipal vices Tony Nowicki, as well as acrobat, someone who can juggle a Farmington Assistant City Manager few dozen things at once, walk a Bill Richards, Rochester Hills City tight rope, perform other amazing. Administrator Marc Ott and Howell acts of balance while catching all Interim City Manager D. Wayne

Novi's city manager is often in the Okay, that's not quite the adver- hot seat, so they might as well be

While people from all over the Kriewall's post, it's good to see that With a \$53 million legal settle- the city's first cuts come from this area and include current municipal gan Court of Appeals - confronting employees. When possible, promotthe city, this is not an easy time to ling from within is always a good

What would we like to see in a new someone who will demonstrate ease Saturday, we can all see who's in dealing with residents, employcommunity and the media. Someone who tells it like it is in plain

City Council in a public meeting at A city manager also has to be a 8 a.m. on Saturday morning. If that wheeler-dealer with an ability to is too early to get out of your paja- work with the developers who will mas and head for city hall, no prob- continue to knock on Novi's door. In lem. Everything will be televised on a state that does not permit impact Novi's cable Channel 13 and you fees, he or she must have the savvy can tune in and watch the candi- to negotiate the most they can get dates squirm while you're munch- for Novi in the way of infrastructure

improvements from developers. And this bodes well for the more Novi's new city manager must be open approach to government the prepared to help plan for the city's new council and mayor say they're bright future. but also be braced bringing to Novi. This is also a good and ready if the worst should haptrial by fire for the five hopefuls who pen and Novi loses its appeal on the

We're all safer due to Y2CARE

We all want to party like it's 1999, ply phone in for testing. judges to help control those with spouses, friends. fair. Working with them on this is those who may have been seriously

convicted for driving under the wheelchair or left with other debiliinfluence over the past two years. tating injuries.

House Arrest. They will then have to of this century. stay home on the big night and sim-

because, hev, it is. But we all want - Judge Brian MacKenzie points out to live to see the year 2000 through. that in 1999 nationwide, 159 people That's why Y2CARE, a program were killed by drunk driver's over launched by the state police and the the New Year's holiday. That trans-Oakland County district court lates to 159 children, parents,

drunk driving records, is tough, but The death rate doesn't include the organization Mothers Against injured during that time by an accident caused by a drunk driver, Targeted are those who have been among them those who may be in a

These 1,000 or so individuals are Perhaps between 8 p.m., the last considered to pose a recidivism haz- Dec. 31 reporting time and 6 a.m., ard and must report for drug and the first time the next morning. alcohol testing early in the evening some of these folks may have an on Dec. 31 and in the morning on envelope to do damage. But the pro-Jan. 1. Extremely high-risk individ- gram is an innovative, praiseworthy uals will have an amazing alcohol- approach to a serious problem that monitoring device attached to their will make it safer for the rest of us home telephones by Michigan to leave our homes on the last night

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Men are not shopping fools



Andrew

My handicap isn't necessarily

according to society, my that I am a man. sage is this year's "Men's

Afternoon Out" event being Northville. The event promises and jewelry stores. to guide men, who obviously

their clothes, make dinner or change their diapers. Yes, in one afternoon, the downtown Northville mas gift. area, typically only used by women, will welcome men with open arms. Instead of squeamishly avoiding the talking about holiday jewelry sales so we can (show area and cowering in a corner while wallowing in a her how much you love her) start saving up for things pool of drool and waste barely able to hold onto the that we can only interpret as shiny little expensive remote control, men may free themselves. Heck why stop the sexist stereotyping there?

To make it truly a "Men's Afternoon Out" why not gift I've ever given has been worthless? have Hooter's girls walking up and down Main Street racing down the middle of Main Street (watch out for like it. the clock) and demonstrations of big power tools on

This event also will help eliminate communication between couples about what they need or want. Instead of having to talk to the person you are with and know (which obviously men don't do), a complete etderich@ht.homecomm.net.

should just give up now. stranger will help pick out that perfect gift. Gifts that before I even begin, on Christ- don't work out won't be our fault and we can blame someone else (which obviously men do).

Another benefit of this event is that it gets us out of lack of money or time to shop the mall. You know the mall, where all of those guneither. Instead, at least toting, drug-taking, shoplifting, gang clothes-wearing kids of America go? "Men's Afternoon Out" will elimihandicap is the simple fact nate the confusion of the gang warfare and men in the mall walking into walls trying to figure out where A prime example of this mes- they keep all the records at Record Time.

But don't get me wrong about malls? There are escapes for men clever enough to find them. The two places are the sporting goods stores

The sporting goods stores are pretty obvious. There would rather be shooting guns or working on cars, on are guns, bats, sticks, balls and other clunky. their journey to purchase gifts for those who wash destructive things that we like and can touch and obviously are more suited to handle than any Christ-

Starting in June, men receive all kinds of mailings

Does "Men's Afternoon Out" mean to imply every

I mean I ask people what they want, go shopping passing out buffalo wings? Instead of Chocolates by with them and pay attention to what they have inter-Renee serving up dainty little chocolates, how about est in, spend time and money on getting the perfect hauling in a keg of Guiness and serving it up by the gift instead of just getting any old thing and I am even pint? And while all this is going on, how about drag smart enough to keep the receipt in case they don't

> I must be doing something wrong that can only be corrected by events like "Men's Afternoon Out," so thanks to whoever for the help.

Andrew Dietderich may be reached via e-mail at adi-

In Focus **By John Heider**



Songs of the season

One man's vote for best pizza



• For all the problems there today: can honestly say there are few side."

such dedicated community leaders and civic organiza-

Year is that the term "millennium" will quit being credit card for payment unless it had my signature. used. It should be reserved only for describing the even if I presented ID to prove I am who I say I am. spaceship Han Solo flew in "Star Wars."

2001 please just let the rest of us live a lie and have • Final comment on the M-word: anyone want to reads, "This note is legal tender for all debts, public wager that you'll start seeing babies named "Melly" or and private."

"Millennium" in January? • I took a survey of fourth grade students in Novi ited the Noah Webster home. Being the word junkie and Northville a few weeks back, asking them what that I am, I found it interesting that the man who sorts of gifts they'd most like to receive this holiday wrote the first American-English dictionary only season. Thankfully, the numbers weren't there to coined one word himself. That word? "Manufaccrack the Top Ten list, but there were enough "My tured." parents to stop fighting" and "My grandma's health to Chris C. Davis is the copy editor for the Novi News return" wishes to make you want to give every kid a and Northville Record.

· Dumb comment that got laughs in our office are in Northville and Novi, I MELANIE PLENDA: "Hey, look - it's snowing out-

places you'll find that have JASON SCHMITT: "Yeah, and it's windy...it's almost snowing sideways."

YOURS TRULY: "At least it won't accumulate." tions. And for that, we ought all be grateful for living in an the words "Ask For Identification" written where a area with such bounty. signature would normally be placed, in the hopes • ...and the Chris Davis Award that if my wallet ever is picked up by some low-life, for Best Pizza goes to Jet's an astute clerk would realize that my Visa card was Pizza on Novi Road near the being used fraudulently. In other words, I'm trying to Novi-Northville city limits. do my part to put a dent in the billions of dollars of

Dripping with cheese and a soft crust that almost bad plastic being circulated these days. melts in your mouth, there are few things that taste So you can imagine my surprise when I went to the as good on a cold evening than hot pizza from Jet's. post office last week and was told by the clerk on • The best thing about the the forthcoming New duty that the U.S. postal service wouldn't accept my

 Speaking of the M-word, would all those nitpick And while I'm on the topic of quizzical methods of ers who insist that the new M-word won't start until payment, I'm amused when I periodically come across businesses that say cash won't be accepted as payment. Last time I checked, our paper money

· I went to Greenfield Village last weekend and vis-

Is Gov. Engler running out of gas?



his third term in office.

happen. Quick.

Consider three examples.

The big political last year's debacle. Republican bills The reasons are compelling. After eight news last week was attempting to cut back the force of her long years in office, all the good ideas a the legislature's fail- opinions were roundly criticized as a naked governor came in with are pretty much ure to authorize power grab, and when documents were used up. Moreover, most of the bright peocharter leaked proving the whole plot was initiated ple who had the good ideas have been despite in the governor's office. John Engler wound drained dry after eight years and have gone weeks of intensive up with lots of egg on his face. arm twisting and Second was the Governor's attempt to Finally, any governor worth his/her salt

Miller, to be a team player and run against of daily governing. After eight years in the popular U.S. Rep. David Bonier, the Demo- office, any governor thinking third term defeat was biparti- cratic minority leader in the House of Rep- better also think of the number of snakes House resentatives and a favorite GOP target. A Democrats have component in the calculus was that such a been campaign likely would have derailed enthused by the charter school movement. Miller's interest in running for governor with sycophants, even the most balanced though some reps from Detroit find them a against Engler's hand-picked candidate, Lt. better alternative than the public schools. Gov. Dick Postumus.

Although most Republicans are ideologically pro-charter, the governor's key failure thanks." Recently, she's been talking about nary defines as "overbearing pride or prewas to win over a handful of moderate GOP her interest in running for governor. legislators, some of whom had been Third is the still unresolved spat over a

endorsed by the very anti-charter teachers' constitutional amendment to allow direct union, the Michigan Education Associa- public support for private and religious schools. Headed by billionaire Dick DeVos, Engler's spin meisters tried to put on a the husband of state Republican Party brave face, talking cheerily about getting Chair Betsy DeVos, a bunch of hard line back to the issue after the New Year. But GOP stalwarts are hell bent to collect this defeat, so unexpected for a politician enough signatures to put the measure on ply ran out of gas at the end of his second as experienced and capable as Engler, got the ballot next November. Engler has been term; his campaign for a third term was me to musing about this governor, now in trying his darndest to kill the drive because mishandled from start to finish. he's afraid passions ignited by the measure After the Republican landslide last might increase turnout next November and terms and out" at the start of his governor-November, everybody expected John Engler thus jeopardize U.S. Senator Spencer Abra-ship. Well, he's a year into his third term. I to bestride the state like a colossus. His ham's campaign for reelection.

governor had only to nod his head, so the between the governor and some of his closterm woes? conventional wisdom went, and stuff would est political friends and allies is still going on. It's not a pretty sight for any colossus. But it hasn't quite worked out that way. least of all John Engler.

First was this fall's bungled attempt to Rule of Michigan Politics: No governor in your comments, either by voice mail at clip the wings of Attorney General Jennifer his/her right mind should run for a third (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at

foot stomping by persuade Secretary of State Candace will inevitably make enemies in the course lying in the high grass, ready to strike.

under any circumstances" doctrine.

edge this was a problem.

Willoway property.

and Ms. Uglow.

A BAGFUL OF CHARITY

I was doing my 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

stint as Salvation Army bell ringer

Saturday, Dec. 11 in front of Great

Harvest Bread Co. in Northville, as

part of the crew lined up by First

United Methodist Church of

of me and the woman in the pas-

senger seat got out and handed me

a heavy shopping bag full of coins.

She said she and her husband

save coins all year to give to the

Salvation Army at Christmastime. I

asked her for her name - Lisa

Thomas of Novi - and if she would

mind if I passed along to the local

newspaper her name and what she

I went into Great Harvest and

asked them to weigh the bag. They

thought it was heavier, so I went

across the street to the Kitchen

Witch, where they weighed it for

me. Still 12 and a half pounds. It

What a nice idea Lisa and her

said 12 and a half pounds. I

did. She said she didn't mind.

on to better jobs outside state government. Worst, after eight years as governor, an

office abounding with perks and awash person will be under tremendous pressure to let it go to his/her head. The ancient Miller eventually said, "Thanks, but no Greeks called it "hubris," which my dictiosumption." Whether it's hubris or a swelled head, it's most unattractive, and you see it

History endorses the "no third term

William Milliken, perhaps Michigan's best loved former Governor, had a terrible time in his third term. Jim Blanchard sim-Engler himself talked grandly about "two

wonder if he worries about how the next Republican Party controlled both houses of Despite public disclosures of barbed cor- couple of years are going to turn out. Or is the legislature, had a 5-2 iron grip on the respondence, meetings of the Republican his heavy involvement in the presidential Supreme Court and won all the executive State Central Committee and assorted campaign of Texas Gov. George W. Bush offices except for Attorney General. The attempts to kiss and make up, the fight his strategy for an early exit from third

> Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the compa-All of which brings to my mind the Iron ny that owns this newspaper. He welcomes

A new spin on an old Xmas tale

Just thought you might be interested in a new version of the "Night

Before Christmas." Twas the night before Christmas When all through the land Most people were working... Wasn't it grand! All the stockings were hung From the mantel with greed So we could get what we wanted

Not what we need.

Our recent divorce having divid-Had both settled down For a good winter sleep But I ended up dreaming Of promises I didn't keep; So I got up, read the paper -And learned a baby's not human Until it is born...

That pornography's great -It's free speech, after all And we all must accept both -It's the law, after all ... That the kind of person you are Doesn't matter you see Because if I expected you to be

You'd have the right to expect

But then out in the yard I heard such a beef I jumped up, got my gun To scare off the thief; I unbolted the door, Turned off the alarm And carefully snuck out To avoid any harm.

The haze from pollution But I soon had the subject dead

But before I could fire It occurred to me The fellow in red was just making

It wasn't a truck of UPS

And though his coat was red It wasn't a van either Of Federal Express; It was rather a sleigh

Pulled by things that used to reign dear That tugged at my memory and

City governments will no longer

be able to require their employees

live in town, under a settlement

reached last week by Michigan law-

But municipalities can limit the

distance workers reside from their

city of employment to no more than 20 miles.

Wednesday, Dec. 8, in a 66-44 vote

By Mike Malott HomeTown News Service

mmalott@homecomm.net

makers.

And we remember and honor the

On faith, love, and life and onward family.

As dreams before waking Fade when we open our eyes Slowly dissolved from disguise; His face I finally did see And instead of seeing him

I was seeing me. Not the me I was now No. not tattered and worn But unspoiled, happy, secure Like the day I was born.

There was peace in my eyes Shining like the Christmas star And my dad's medal of honor I held close -He had died in our war; There was hope for my future

As far as I could see Of responsibility My faith was in God And not this world's lies: And not just my life was special But all's -

And I loved my country -We were all Americans, you see -And not just a collection Of every nationality;

And my family was with me where else would they be? For all things that reign dear

And our family's together -Everything is all right... I don't travel as much -Forty hour's enough: I found that time is more special Than any new stuff;

We go to church every Sunday

And each day we value spent for the "environmental What makes Christmas so clear sessment" of the property when Fisher was going to donate the land to the city? He withdrew his offer

It's not Santa Claus -It's the things that reign, dear.

responsibility for the removal of

same and the refusal of the owner

Fisher co-owned same with Lan-

deal with or go through on a daily

basis. Almost 15 years to get a

piece of property cleaned up. No

one but a "local" resident would

expect their neighbor to be able to

continually get away with this type

of trash accumulating for years

and years and years and have the

city manager say it's not a problem.

ordinance officer to take the side of

the property owner when he claims

it's "not his responsibility because

it wasn't in that condition when he

bought it." Yet all these have hap-

It's refreshing to finally have the

pened over the past 14-plus years.

No one would expect that former

WETLANDS FINALLY CLEANED Letter to Mayor Clark and coun-

cil members: Finally. After almost 15 years, the wetland behind my house has been cleaned. Gone are the bicycles, the tires, the snowmobile and other large chunks of metals, the pipes, LP gas tanks, etc. While previous mayors, this city manager And I welcomed the challenge and a former ordinance officer, who is still a city employee, denied both the existence of the debris, the

to even clean it, the thanks for this cleanup go directly to you. Mayor From their conception Clark, and to ordinance officer Cindy Uglow. You got the job done The history of this property is long and convoluted, back to when

gan. Working with one's government shouldn't be this hard. This situation might seem incomprehensible, but no one who doesn't live in this area ("Old Novi," as we are now referring to ourselves) could conceive of what we have to

I awoke with a start: All figures had gone away But the gifts left for us Still last 'til today:

I got back with my wife -

State bans government residency requirements held to account," Hanley told The bill was presented to the gov- Republican supporters of the bill. Smith, who argued the state ban nett, R-Canton, primary sponsor of ernor Friday, Dec. 10. Gov. John Engler has said he will sign the bill. on residency rules will cause fur- the bill, said. This is about the But debate over the issue may ther deterioration of the city of rights of individuals to live where not be over. Democrats who oppose the bill have promised to launch a leave town, said the bill would the interests of people ahead of the

> Virgil Smith, D-Detroit, said they'll count. Noting that 90 communities In the House, representatives work with groups like the Michigan Municipal League to reverse the

This is about civil liberties in the state of Michigan," Sen. Loren Ben-

was mostly quarters.

petition drive to overturn it. Rep. result in a \$20 million loss for that interests of government, as our Mike Hanley, D-Saginaw, and Sen. community in the coming census founding fathers said they should

> throughout the state have some voted 66-44 for the conference type of residency rule for employ-ees. Smith promised to put the ton, voted yes.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER Allison MacDonald has a leg up on competition at the Novi Ice Arena. See her skate Saturday.

Novi Ice Arena teacher has competitive edge

many of the skaters she routinely

"At first, we always wanted to

their autographs." MacDonald

With a balance of friends at

"I love when we have competi-

"It has been a lot of fun and it is

With two more years to prepare

still mastering her short and long

programs as only four girls from

Midwestern get to move on to

always exciting."

tions and I get to see my friends

rivals, including Tara Lipinski.

the tutelage of Theresa McKendry and Gerry William. It was in 1998 when MacDonald as a Novice Level Free Stylist qual- friends," MacDonald said. ified and competed in her first Mid-

western Sectionals. ball and basketball games." Now William, McKendry, Clark and Marina Sheffer all help coordinate and train MacDonald. she has become friends with the

"It's a sport demanding of her time. A lot of kids quit at this age everything else."

With 10 years of competitive said. skating. MacDonald abides by a "Now I would kind of feel silly strict daily regimen which will going up and asking them for their surely intensify as the 2002 Winter autographs." MacDonald gets up for school school, friends from skating and a

every day at 5:45 a.m. She is at little help from Nintendo 64, Mac-Northville High School until 11:45 Donald enjoys the traveling, coma.m. and then is at the Detroit peting, the challenge of figure skat-Skate Club working on her routine ing and time on the road. hours a day

After skating, MacDonald said who live in different states," she she comes home for dinner, does said. her homework and goes to bed. Besides the daily ritual of school ficed many of the temptations that for her Olympic run. MacDonald is come with a being a teenager. She is on a special diet that entails discarding carbohydrates and sugar, while emphasizing the

TONNI BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

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GERRIE HUBBS PERMIT ANALYST

(248) 347-0415

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

PROPOSED

CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY

GAS FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

Consumers Energy Company is on file in the Office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten

Mile Road, Novi, MI, and is available for public inspection during the hours of 8:00

CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 99-12.02

NANCES, TO PERMIT ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST A PERSON EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER WHO SELLS LIQUOR TO A MINOR.

doption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, December 6

1999. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI

REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT

TUP 99-062

ary Use Permit to allow the placement of a construction office trailer on the project

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located

This request will be considered at 3:15 p.m. on December 22, 1999, at the Nov Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to

within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use

the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to December 22, 1999.

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN

SILVER SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PLAY STRUCTURE

BID SPECIFICATION

DECEMBER, 1999

The Northville Public School District is seeking bids from qualified playgroun

stributors/installers for the purpose of supplying a playground play structure for Siler Springs Elementary School to the specifications listed below. It is the intent of

the District to contract with the successful bidder to oversee and supervise parer

volunteers who will install the play structure. It is expected that said installation w

be acceptable to the distributor/installer and manufacturer so that the full force of all

related warranties and guarantees are in and will remain in effect and written verifi-

cation of said warranties and guarantees will be submitted to the District upon com-

The specific terms and conditions of the District's responsibility to prepare the

Excavate the play area to the proper depth as recommended by the distribu-

. Drill holes for the vertical posts to the proper depth as recommended by the

. Place drainage pipe and trench to drainage area as recommended by the di

The specifications can be obtained from Northville Public School District at 50

A sketch showing the area needed to install the play structure must be include

The color of the component pieces will be decided after the successful bidde

has been identified. Questions regarding the specifications, expectations and time-tine are to be directed to Building Principal, Dr. Kenneth Pawlowski, Silver Springs Elementary School, 19801 Silver Springs Drive, Northville, MI 48167. (248-344-

The Northville Public School District reserves the right to reject any bid submi Bids are due on Wednesday, January 12 at 3:00 p.m. to the attention of:

Bids will be opened at 3:01 p.m., at 501 W. Main Street, Northville, Michi

an 48167 in the upper level conference room.

• Envelopes must be marked "Silver Springs Elementary School Play-

with the bid along with a rendering showing each component part of the structure and how and where it connects with the other component parts. Fleid verification o

The target date for the installation is during the week of April 24, 2000.

John Street
Director of Business & Finance

501 W. Main Street

Northville, MI 48167

Northville Public School District

site of Magellan Center, Lots 3 and 4, of the Beck West Corporate Park construction ite, from December 22, 1999 through June 2000. Magellan Center is located south

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Dowler Ronnisch Co. is requesting a Tempo-

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after it

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 99-12.02 - TO AMEND SECTION 3-4-OF THE NOVI-CODE OF ORDI

(1-25 & 12-2/9/16-99 NR/NN 938111)

(12-16-99 NR/NN 942260)

of West Road and off of Magellan Drive.

(12-16-99 NR, NN 942256)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS:

pletion of the installation.

site for the installation will be, in general, as follows:

V. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167.

how the structure will fit into the space available is expected.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a copy of a proposed franchise ordinance for

While gliding along the ice "I eat eggs, meats and chicken - through double axies and flying camels, MacDonald can take expeprofiled, not baked," she said. "Steamed veggies, lots of salad. riences skating has already taught water and juices. I don't drink any her and apply it to many applicable

freedom of youth in her quest to apy or sports psychology at either Grand Valley State or Western realize her Olympic dreams. Michigan University after high "I love to hang out with my

"We like to go to movies and par-And the intensity of competing at ties. We also go to a lot of the footthis level has helped her develop skills many people will never be While competition has taken her across the nation, MacDonald said

> *Figure skating has a team with you and your coaches," she said.

with the pressures of school and meet the big-name skaters and get own destiny. You can't blame anyone but yourself when you have errors or omissions during the rou-

> "Skating in front of a lot of people has taught me about confidence. I have also learned about dedication while learning to stick with some-

So now it is back to the ice for MacDonald at the Detroit Skate

But her life has also spun full circle. Now, she is teaching at the Novi Ice Arena the Learn-to-Skate program that first got her interested in the sport of figure skating.

MacDonald, along with 25 other skaters will appear in a holiday exhibition at the Novi Ice Arena on Saturday, Dec. 18, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is be \$1.

B.J. Hammerstein's e-mail address bhammerstein@ht.homecomm.net

(248) 347-041

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION **ORDINANCE NO. 99-18.158**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 99-18.158 — AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSECTION 2910.4 OF ORDI-NANCE NO. 97-18, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, TO PERMIT STORAGE OF A SMALL AMOUNT OF FIREWOOD ON LAKEFRONT LOTS. The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, December 6 the office of the City Clerk during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time. (12-16-99 NR/NN 942265)

TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT **TUP 99-061**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lockwood Companies is requ emporary Use Permit to allow the placement of a construction office trailer on the roject site for Vista Brownstone of Novi V, from December 22, 1999 through December 2000. Vista Brownstone of Novi V is located on the south side of Thirtee

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on December 22, 1999, at the Nov Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed t the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to December 22, 1999. GERRIE HUBB PERMIT ANALYST

(12-16-99 NR, NN 942252)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REPROGRAMMING OF **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Novi will hold a Public Hearing on the reprogramming of Housing and Community Development Funds. The Hearing will be held on Monday, December 20, 1999, at 7:30 p.m., EST, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, for the purpose of encouraging cit

All interested citizens are requested to attend this Hearing. Comments will also be received in writing or in person at the City Offices, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 5:00 p.m., December 20, 1999. TONNI BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK (12-16-99 NR/NN 942094)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION **ORDINANCE NO. 99-18.153**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 99-18.153 — AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSECTION 1602.4 AND SECTION 2302A, OF ORDINANCE NO. 97-18, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, TO REORGANIZE THOSE PROVISIONS SO THAT THEY MAY BE READ MORE EASILY, AND TO AMEND SUBPART 1905.4.B, SUBSECTION 2002.1, SECTION 2400, SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS, AND THE NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS, SUBSECTION 2505.12, SUBPART 2505.14E(1), SUBSECTIONS 2506.7 AND 2507.3, SUBPARTS 2509.4.d(6), 2509.6.a, 2509.8.a(4) and 2509.8.e(1) AND SUBSECTION 2509.9 OF SAID ORDINANCE, TO ALLOW THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO WAIVE OR REDUCE THE STRICT APPLICATION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCE PROVISIONS PROVID-THE STRICT APPLICATION OF CENTAIN ONDINANCE PHOVISIONS PHOVID-D CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE MET, TO REDUCE THE MINIMUM PARKING SIDE YARD SETBACK IN THE TC-1 DISTRICT FROM 20 FEET TO 10 FEET, TO ADD FOOTNOTE REFERENCES TO THE MINIMUM YARD SETBACK AND MINI-MUM PARKING SETBACKS FOR CERTAIN ZONING DISTRICTS, TO ALLOW OFF-STREET PARKING IN THE FRONT YARD OF THE NCC DISTRICT, TO INCREASE THE OFF STREET PARKING SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOUND WITHIN FOOTNOTE (I) TO SECTION 2400, TO ELIMINATE THE TEXT FOUND WITHIN FOOTNOTES (n) AND (o) OF SECTION 2400, TO ALLOW FOR THE MODIFICATION OF SCREENING REQUIREMENTS BETWEEN ABUTTING 1-2 INDUSTRIAL SITES, TO ALLOW THE REDUCTION OF BUILDING SETBACK REQUIREMENTS ON INDIVIDUAL SITES LOCATED WITHIN PLANNED INDUS-TRIAL PARKS OF NOT LESS THAN FORTY ACRES, TO PROVIDE NEW PARK-ING STANDARDS FOR INDUSTRIAL OR RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENTS, TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC LOADING STANDARDS FOR OFFICE BUILDINGS PRO-POSED IN ANY INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT OR EXPO DISTRICT, TO LIMIT THE NSPECTION OF ALL LANDSCAPE WORK TO THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITEC-INSPECTION OF ALL LANDSCAPE WORK TO THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL CONSULTANT, TO REQUIRE AN OBSCURING LANDSCAPE EARTH BERM WHEN CERTAIN ZONING DISTRICTS ARE LOCATED ADJACENT TO A TC DISTRICT DEVELOPED RESIDENTIALLY, TO AMEND THE BERMING HEIGHTS REQUIRED WHEN AN 1-1 OR 1-2 DISTRICT ABUTS A RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, TO NOT ALLOW EVERGREEN TREES IN LANDSCAPE ISLANDS UNLESS THE ISLANDS ARE A MINIMUM OF FIFTY FEET IN WIDTH, AND TO GLARIFY THE FORMULA FOR TREE PLANTINGS WHEN A MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT IS INVOLVED, AND TO AMEND SUBPARTS 2406.4.A(2), 2549.5.1491 AND 2509.5.K OF SAID ORDINANCE. TO CORRECT TYPOGRAPHI-2509.5.h(9) AND 2509.5.k OF SAID ORDINANCE, TO CORRECT TYPOGRAPH

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, December 6, 1999. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time. (12-16-99 NR/NN 942268) TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

Novi Ice Arena employee Bobby Gorman uses the rink's new NHL-approved "BladeMaster" skate sharpener on Monday.

Ice arena shows a \$20,000 profit at the way Suburban has improved have been purchased and several. Changes made to the conces-

"The general overall feedback

that I have received thus far has been extremely positive. The quality of management and supervision the arena was successful the first arena. Anastos said. All of the ference in operations."

facility for October was not some- the appearance the arena. One of programs and tournaments have sions menu to eliminate some thing he expected to happen every the first things the company did been scheduled, he said. month. He said it is the type of when it came into the arena was it business that fluctuates with the cleaned up the carpets, he said.

wait and see what happens, but discovered the ice was too thick on cooling compressors had to work were already there. less, saving the arena money.

has been the most notable in dif-month was because Suburban was able to sell ice time.

Anastos said the main reason in selling advertising space at the

be out during the winter months.

It was tough when Suburban

first came in, because many groups In addition, when Suburban had already signed contracts for ice came into the arena the company time. Anastos said. Since Anastos planned on raising the price of ice (Suburban) has basically met its the rinks. Davis said. Just by shav-time at the arena, he had to work ing off about an inch of the ice, the very closely with the groups that

Success has also been achieved dasher boards in the main arena have been sold and more sales are Davis said he was also impressed Most of the ice times up for sale expected in the auxiliary rink.

system have also added to the financial turn-around of the arena.

"I think all of those things combined contributed to the success. It is not just one grandiose thing. It is a lot of little things that make the

The city will review the arena's finances on a quarterly basis.

Focus for city parks is upgrading the properties

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN

asts will no longer need to hold and operational at the beginning of Road park. Davis added budget courts and nature trails at Novi that, er, thought. Napier road, restrooms, a conces- fields, two tennis and sand volley- ues to grow. sions stand and a shelter are final- ball courts and basketball courts ly being constructed. It's all part of — Davis said the department is tional and maintenance needs the changing focus of the Novi also planning on doing some fenc- because of growth, it is going to conceptual plans already drafted Parks and Recreation Department. ing around some of the fields, require more money for the depart- for the park and use those as a

As Novi continues to grow, Parks adding parking lot lights, perimeter ment," Davis said. and Recreation Director Dan Davis walkways and the possibility of said the city is at the point where adding some more picnic shelters. specific locations on a daily basis, and after the first of the year we department is shifting from acquisition of land to the operational and maintenance needs of the the development of the parks." property, including at the Sports Davis added.

"The contractor is pretty much about \$2 million, Davis said there vorking according to schedule." and as the weather permits, he will the parks

Operating on a yearly budget of

"As we have added more opera-"We are going to need people at

Council as the department contin-

"We are always in the mode of Right now we have people spread updating, evaluating and reviewing out all over the place. "We knew this was going to hap-

Davis added the as yet unnamed is about \$440,000 which goes to park at Eleven Mile Road and park maintenance, staffing and the Wixom Road will have 12 tennis playground equipment and ameni

With a full-time staff of four peo- ties. There are two buildings out ple and the recent acquisition of Also, a picnic shelter has been Community Sports Park enthusi- there and they will be finished up the Eleven Mile Road and Wixom recently been added to the tennis

concerns will be addressed to City Rotary Park. not going to be converted into a golf

"We have got a good site analysis will be inviting people to become "Hopefully we can come up with pen as we grow and now we need to a plan that the entire community

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B.J. Hammerstein's email is "All the roofs are basically done acquisition of equipment for all of courts, four soccer fields and other bhammerstein@ht.homecomm.net.



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Local Color chef in state team heading for Olympics of cooking in Germany

Local Color has been winning team as they compete for internagold medals for its beers, now its tional recognition among the executive chef of the microbrewery world's top culinary talent. will also be going for the gold as a The Internationale Kochhunst member of Michigan's Olympic Ausstellung (IKA) originated in 1896 and has been held every four

Matt Bronski has been named years since. Typically, 32 countries Team Chef on the Michigan compete, each represented by a Olympic Culinary Team and will national team. compete in the Culinary Olympics The United States is represented (IKA) in Berlin in August 2000. by both a national team and teams Bronski, already a two-time from several different states. Olympian, will join four other Michigan chefs on the 2000 state

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION **ORDINANCE NO. 99-100.26**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance 99-100.26 — AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSECTION 28-8(15) OF THE NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO REQUIRE THE REMOVAL OF ELECTION SIGNS FIVE (5) DAYS AFTER A PRIMARY ELECTION AND GENERAL ELEC

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, December 6 1999. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection a the office of the City Clerk during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing

12-16-99 NR/NN 942263) TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

CITY OF NOVI **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Nov will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 5, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. in the Nov Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 18,159: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "MICROBREWERY OF

MICROBREWER" CONTAINED WITHIN SECTION 201 OF ORDINANCE NO. 97 18, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, TO PERMIT THE PRODUCTION OF ALL TYPES OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS ON-PREMISES SUBJECT TO CER TAIN PRODUCTION VOLUME LIMITS. All interested persons are invited to attend. The proposed ordinance is available

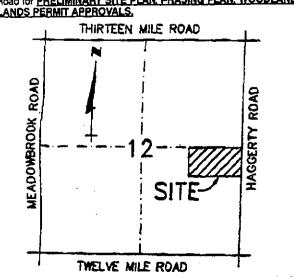
for review at the Planning and Community Development Department, Verbal comments will be heard at the public hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning and Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ter Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375, until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 5, 2000. NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION

(12-16-99 NR, NN 942247)

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00

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What I want for Christmas

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Holding the items found at the Novi Toys R' Us location that they'd most like to receive this year are (front) Neil

Kollipara, (left to right) Lauren Farley, Melissa Moss, Josh Goings, Joseph Kinville and Amy Johnson, all fourth grade students.

Fourth grade students let their imaginations run wild at Novi Toys R' Us

Note to Santa Claus: Pokemon is sultan of the stocking this holiday season, even though he'll be getting some stiff competition from video games and recreational equip-

Those were the top three votegetters in a survey taken of Northville and Novi fourth grade students. Students from Northville's Silver Springs, Thornton Creek and Winchester elementary schools cast their ballots, as did those from Novi's Parkview, Orchard Hills and Novi Woods.

Students were asked to list any three gifts they would most like to receive for a birthday or the holidays. Pokemon, the Japanese toy phenomenon that has followed in the footsteps of Ninja Turtles and Power Rangers, took home the most votes with 186.

But another Japanese icon, that of Nintendo Game Boy consoles, also got a strong response from students, with 108 fourth graders hoping to have the hand-held video game unit sometime

Nipping at the heels of Game Boy was miscellaneous sports equipment at 107 votes. Lumped together in one category, students said they were keeping their fingers crossed for anything from soccer nets to pool tables to ice skates. One student from each school that responded

was selected to take a trip to the Novi Toys R' Us store, find the toy of their choice off the shelf, and tell why it was the gift they were most anxious to receive.

Josh Goings, a student at Orchard Hills, grabbed hold of a Tyco radio control car. "It's like driving without a license." Goings

said. "You can control everything they do. It's really neat."

Goings said he preferred gym class at school and was looking forward to the holidays. For Lauren Farley at Parkview Elementary, the answer to her wishes came in the form of a Nintendo 64, the highest-ranking stationary video game console of the students polled. She said she already owned another video game system,

so why an N64? "It's different," she said. "This system is more

Farley, who said she wanted to be an artist when she grew up, said several of her friends shopping days until Christmas. already owned a Nintendo 64, which was a big

part of the reason she was hoping to see the system under the tree this year.

The Scrabble board game was the item Melissa Moss at Novi Woods found in the store. The proud owner of a Winnie the Pooh doll and aspiring future first woman president of the United States, Moss said her reasons for selecting the game were simple.

"I couldn't find anything else I really wanted."

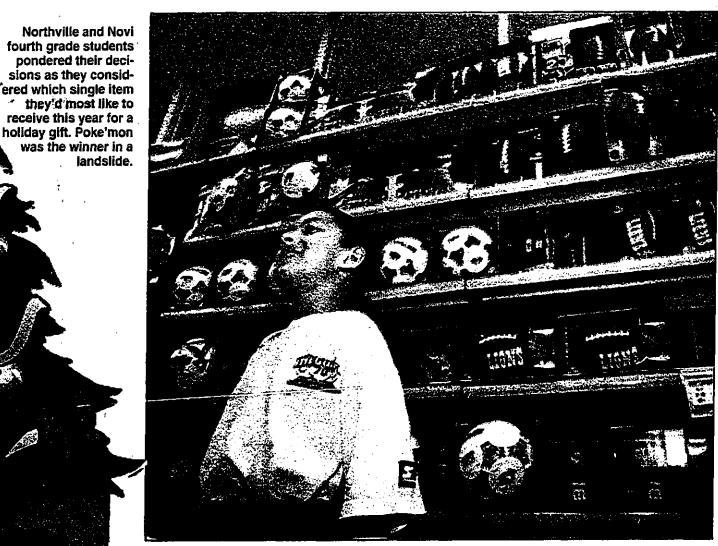
Joseph Kinville needed to wait some time before he took advantage of his holiday gift — a junior golf set. The Silver Springs Elementary student said he didn't mind the delay being able to use the item at the top of his wish list. His favorite sport wasn't golf, though.

"I like baseball a lot," he said. Amy Johnson could be happy her favorite item was on the shelves this year. Her favorite toy. the Furby, was the toy to have for the holiday season in 1998. She said she always wanted a Furby, but the mad rush to find the jibbering critters a year ago didn't allow that to happen.

Last but not least was Neil Kollipara, whose Super Shootout electronic basketball game was a bit bulky to carry through the aisles, but was nonetheless the thing he was hoping to have at his home this year.

"It's fun because you can practice shooting all year long," said the Winchester Elementary student. "I love playing basketball."

Shoppers beware: there are only nine more



Neil Kollipara casts his eyes to the top of the Toys R' Us display shelves, searching for "the" item. He finally settled on an indoor electronic basketball game.

NOVI / NORTHVILLE TOP TEN

Here's what fourth grade students in Novi and Northville said they'd most like to receive this holiday season.

10. Beanie Babies 5. Cat / dog 9. Dolls 4. Nintendo 64 3. Misc. sports equipment 8. Stuffed animals 2. Game Boy consoles / games 7. Computer: 1. Poke'mon 6. Books

NATIONAL FAVORITES

Here's what elementary students across the country said they'd most like to receive this holiday season, in no particular order.

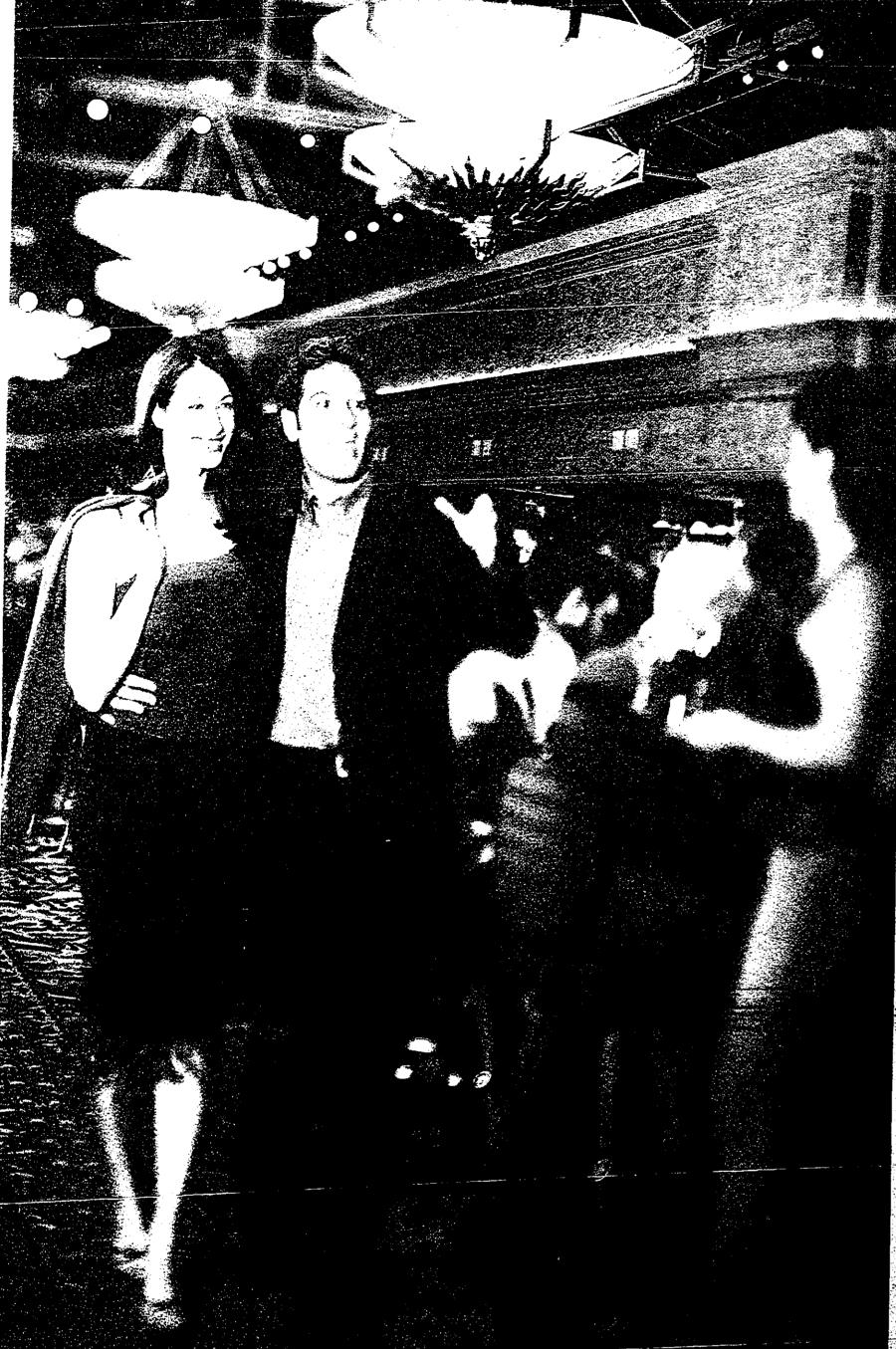
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- NFL 2000

ON THE FRINGE

Here are some of the wish list requests that could require a bit of additional effort to fulfill.

- Chicken liver
- 90 king-size Snickers bars · An anaconda
- Swimming pool (6)
- Golf cart Three wishes
- Robot (8)
- Roller coaster
- Ear piercing Hot air balloon
- Amusement park in backyard
- Sports car (5) To meet all former U.S. presi-
- . To meet the late Shel Silver-
- stein Jungle gym
- Trolley Castle (2).
- Private ice skating pond
- bhow antimword

Story by Chris Davis • Photos by Tom Hibbeln



Chamber luncheon tickets on sale Weddings

NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

be made by calling the chamber office, 349-3743, by Friday, Dec. 17. This year's holiday luncheon Rotary Club for all seniors in the NOVI CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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\$5,000 holiday shopping spree raf- tickets have been reserved. chamber office or from any champlus refreshments. The Needlers Time."

will include raffles and a silent and transportation. Call 347-0414 for mixed duet; Rachel Turner, fourth the teacher's home.

NOVI SENIOR CENTER

for the recently-held annual Rotary dar that is published monthly. luncheon presented by the Novi

Reservations for the Tuesday. Dec. 21 chamber luncheon must

Featured will be guest speaker - the corner of Wixom and Eleven - "A Peanut Butter Christmas" (for a and the madita and corner light ser-

radio personality and popular Entertainment was provided by Dec. 17 in the same program of the An early net regenerational class. Thomas Burke of Davisburg. morning talk host. Smith was the students of Novi Middle School. First Baptist Church, located at was held last Sunday, pater to the ... The bride is a graduate of Novibulle. named Michigan Personality of the who also served lunch before Santa - the corner of Taff and Eleven Mal - neorong worship service. Following - High School and is employed at Ster-Year" by the Michigan Association made his appearance. Gifts were The public is invited the service, pizza this provided for ling Bank in Southfield. The groom is of Broadcasters and consistently—then distributed to those in attention of Broadcasters and consistently—then distributed to those in attention departs a families—the endormal in the program departs a families—the endormal in the program departs as families.

ness Person of the Year. Results sewers and non-sewers to join ticipate in the evening's perform exchange has been proposed by will be made in the near future. them at this time. Several quilts mance. Dates for the 2000 calendar have been made and donated to Grades four through six recently deacher, students pool their money various charities by this group. attended a Junior Convention held and give a special gift to the • Saturday, March 11, 5:30 p.m. Contact center manager Jan at Grove Christian School in St. claurch in the unine of their teach. Maxwell

Country Epicure, with Hon. Dennis chicken ala king, turkey noodle third in pace bowl, fourth in sci before Dec. 22 for the Novi Com-Powers, 52nd District Court, as casserole, pork steak, just to men- ence research; Christina Crockett, munity Food Bank. keynote speaker. Reservations tion a few, are served daily for a second in science research; Tony nominal donation. Reservations Smith, second in both Checkers - Novi Highlights is written by must be made in advance by call- and short story; Randy Smith, Jeanne Clarke, Should you wish to ing 347-0414 so preparation can third in Checkers: Adam Zalewski contact her with information for this be made by the kitchen. Menus are received honorable mention for a column, call 624-0173. Over 125 reservations were made available on the back of the calen-ship drawing.

New Shipments Arriving Every Day!

Monday, Dec. 20, students will

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the teachers; instead of a gift to the at the Novi Hilton. Novi Chamber McAlpine at 347-0414 for more Johns, where they connected with ex. Suggestions offered included a Edward other Christian schools, Receiving church library book, Christmas Pelic was sponsor the eighth annual Charity Transportation to the center is awards were: Daniel Turner, first tree ornament, donation to the born Oct. 30 Auction and dinner. The evening available for any senior not having in science research and tourth in local food bank, or go caroling at a to Ed Pelic

live auction. Proceeds from the ride arrangements. Invite a friend, in mixed duet; Kevin Nasto, first in Schedule changes, no Sunday Mason-Pelic evening will benefit chamber activitienjoy a full day at the center: pen and ink; Autumn Mangels, School Dec. 26; Wednesday Bible of Northville ties, the Michigan Chapter plus the morning programs, lunch and an third in pace bowl; Joel Burnham, studies class will be on Tuesday. He weighed Paralyzed Veterans of America. afternoon of pinochle, bingo or the third in pace bowl, fourth in bowled during December and will resume 7 pounds I-Deadline date for donations from monthly tea. Tea and cookies are and arrow: Hillary Hamilton, first normal scheduling in January. o u n e e businesses will be Feb. 11, 2000. usually served, with about 40 in character trait picture, third in Renander - Cap and mitten tree when he • Thursday, Jan. 13, the annual attending last month's tea. both pace bowl and water color; in the narthex; and canned food was born Honors and Installation Banquet at Luncheon favorites such as Toni Lopez, first in wildlife picture, donations are being accepted

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SPIRIT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN

Michael Paul Burke of New Hirdson were married Sept. 18 at North Congregatational Church in Farmington Hills, Pastor Mary Eiedren officiated will be held at the DoubleTree area. The event was held at the Students are working harmon. Christmas have sorvices start, and Ruthan Knarr of Northville and Hotel, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. new Novi Middle School located at their Christinas musical graguant with a family service at 0:00 p.m. Ted and Shirley Cuda of Livonia. The

groom is the son of Christine and Vince Boido of New Hudson and

Stary Marie Cuda of Northville and



Burke

at the Family Birthing Center of Maxwell has one sibling, two-

year-old Molly. The baby's grandparents are David Krom of Novi, the late Carol Mason of Novi. Ray and Evelyn Mason of Westland and Edward and the late Margaret? Pelic of Howell. The baby's greatgrandparent is Alice Krom and the late Hugh Krom of Hunting-

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Sarah McKinney of Novi was among the members of the Homegrown band who took first place in the large group competition of the 1999 Alma College Songest, Their performance of Rusted Root's "Send Me On My Way" prought the audience to its feet.

Songfest is an annual event sponsored by the Alma College Union Board featuring the talents of Alma College students.

Rec Briefs

OAKLAND COUNTY REC

Discarded live Christmas trees will be accepted for recycling from Dec. 26 through Jan. 16 at Glen Oaks Golf Course in Farmington Hills, Lvon Oaks in Lvon Township and Waterford Oaks Activity

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Commemorative bricks are being sold for a walkway at the Northville Community Park concessions building. The cost of an engraved brick with three lines of up to 12 characters begins at \$75. Purchases are tax-deductible. General contributions are also being accepted.

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 50 you so to the mailbox and pull out all. Highest Achievement Award win - its contents. Then you spread them out on a ners for earning the highest grade - table - and there among all the large typepoint average in their respective - written, computer generated business letmajors. Anderson is an accounting ters, brochures, supermarket and store ads, major and Hodges, a marketing bills and coupon books, you find a small, handwritten, personal sized envelope In addition. The following other—addressed to you, I don't think I would have local students were given the to second guess which letter you would

ment Award for having some of the . Long before computers, e-mail, fax top grade point averages in their machines, telephones and cars, people communicated by writing letters. Our founding NORTHVILLE. Edward Cairns. tathers, especially Washington, Jefferson management. Kathleen Ceane. and Franklin, wrote five or six letters a day. business administration: Mary These were not short one- or two-sentence Fairchild, accounting: Jessica notes, but usually a two-page, single-spaced

Since mail in those times was sent by horseback, stagecoach, or given to traveling NOVE Sharon Beard, business - friends to deliver, it would take weeks for a - took for the giver in driving to the mall, - doing this chore, not only in the home but letter to get to its destination so as much looking for and selecting an appropriate gift, in the business arena. When an executive in sure and his writing, it has increased my news as possible was packed into its con- wrapping it, filling out a gift card, not to your company takes you to lunch or invites esteem for this charming man by many tents. In their lifetimes, it is estimated these mention the cost involved and delivering it you to a dinner party in his or her home, or motches. men each wrote hundreds of letters, Jeffer- to you, it isn't. Northville High School graduate son and Franklin having lived well into their • A thank-you note should be sent as treats you to a meal or an evening out, a your greeting cards, pick up some stationery

honors program. Applicants to the —today, letter-writing has indeed become a program hold a 3.5 GPA, a com- lost art. Yet there are times when only a letposite score of 27 on the ACT or a - ter will do. Acknowledging a gift given to you - loving gesture if you do. composite score of 1,200 on the list one of them. With Christmas and good time to put this thoughtful courtesy to - it. ACT recently faunched an use - especially those gifts that are sent . • Yes, even if the gift is a sweater in a horcan be accessed from www.act.org the year, such as birthdays, etc., it is at this them in the far reaches of the basement or rials, however, the most important thing 48167.

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charm and elegance. Unfortunately, most households think of writing thank-you letters as a "female thing" down for 10 or 15 minutes and write a few and the woman usually ends up responding. Wrong! Men should be just as responsible in paper. a representative from another organization

immediately Even two days later is too late and loses members of your immediate family but a lits impact. That host will think of you as a considerate, thoughtful person and, who • Mention the gift by name in your letter. knows? — it could be remembered when has been an etiquette consultant for more Hanukkah just around the corner, it is a liftit is a gift of money, tell how you will use promotions, merit increases or doing business with others are being considered. expanded website for journalists through the mail so the sender would at rid shade of green, which you would never the most expensive bonded paper or a Cross ducer of her own television program "The who cover education and work least know that you had received it. While wear, or a statue that is grotesque and you pen in order to write a note. Of course, it is Elegant Life" on Channel 12. You can write

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sit down and write to you. For instance, not too long ago I sent some items to a relative of someone who has ters and help them in doing theirs. If it - recently married into my family. A few days later, I received a letter from him. Because he was born and raised in Greece, it is not always easy for him to express his thoughts

Yes, there were misspelled words. Yes, grammar and punctuation were not perfect. and yes, it was written on a sheet of paper simply torn from a tablet. But I cannot tell you how deeply I was touched by this basic courtesy, knowing that it may have been a chore for him to get his thoughts down on

That simple note is one that I truly trea-So this holiday, while you are purchasing

soon as possible after receiving a gift and no thank-you note should go out to them or a box of thank you cards and use them now and throughout the new millennium. Happy holidays...and happy writing.

Margit Erickson of Margit Erickson & Co. than 10 years and conducts seminars in A last note: do not feel that you must have teens and children. She is also host and proforce development topics. The site this should be remembered any time during will never display it and would rather hide always elegant to have special writing mate- to her at P.O. Box 841, Northville, Mich.

Engagements

Shelia Towne of Northville and Edward Kemp of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter. Sarah Renee, to Joel Elsesser, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Elsesser of South

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Business Network International heat II platform, the Autobolt Dec. 14 meeting is slated for 7 a.m. more information, call (248) 374-5934. includes a 90 KW RF induction at Kerby's Koney Island at 21200 power supply, a bus, a channel Haggerty in Farmington Hills, on inductor coil, and a quench barrel Dec. 15 at 7 a.m. at the Novi Hilton, and again Dec. 16 at Kerby's. For According to Welduction, cus- more information, call (810) 323-

(248) 348-1325.

Church of Northville. The theme of all time for shopping. For more Christmas tea at 8848 Quail Circle house beginning at 9 a.m. Volunthe meeting is "Celebration Bells." information, call (248) 380-5330. Guests are welcome at the meeting. For more information, call-The Novi Theatres will be tak- Tours include hot chocolate and The theme of the program is "Highing auditions for forthcoming per- Christmas candy and last around lights of Our Ancestors."

Community Events

16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. All actors must pay a \$125 fee once east. For more information, accepting registration for the win- on Dec. 18. It will be held in the call (248) 347-0400. The Novi Lions Club will be are available for skaters 3 years and sausage breakfast is S8 for holding a joint Lion-Lioness holi-- old through adult. Daytime classes - adults and \$10 for children. A

Supervised child care will be practice ice time. The seven-week tickets must be purchased in Saturday, March 11. Applications The Michigan Dental Hygienists available at All-Star Gymnastics in session costs \$52.50 and begins advance. For more information, Northville on Dec. 17 from 9 a.m. the week of Jan. 3. For more infor- call (734) 462-4422. land District Dental Hygiene Society to 1 p.m. Children ages three and mation, call [248] 347-1010.

will next meet at 1:30 p.m. on Dec. Organizers are offering the super- of the Daughters of the American for prospective volunteers on Dec. 17 at First United Methodist vision for adults who need person-

be available through the are welcome to attend. For more Northville Carriage Company. information. call (734) 455-5525. formances of "Fiddler on the Roof." 30 minutes. For more information. Auditions are scheduled for Dec. call (248) 486-8866.

ter session of Learn to Skate upper Waterman Campus Center. classes through Dec. 30. Classes from 10 a.m. to noon. The paneake day party on Dec. 17. For more are also available home school stu-phote with Santa and a small gift information, call (248) 477-1397. long and include 15 minutes of breakfast. Seating is limited and

Mentors Plus will be hosting a to obtain an application.

The Northville Woman's Club—gym area at a cost of \$6 per child. The Plymouth-Northville chapter—training and orientation session Revolution will be holding a 18 at the Oakland County Courtin Plymouth on Dec. 20, beginning teers will work with youth age five at 4 p.m. All members of the orga- to 16 years old. For more informa-Christmas Eve carriage rides will - nization and prospective members - tion, call (248) 585-0041.

> The Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan has opened a new Resource Room at its Southfield office, where books, videotapes and audio The Schoolcraft College Phi Theta Kappa honor society will be recordings can provide informa-The Novi Ice Arena will be hosting "Breakfast with Santa" tion to children and parents about fighting the disease and dealing with leukemia treatment For more information, call (800) Crafters are encouraged to apply

dents. All classes are 30 minutes is included with the children's for the spring craft show at Schoolcraft College scheduled for department of Marketing and Development, Call (734) 462-4417

Michael Haggerty was appointed tobacco-free event sponsored by Single Spirit, and Jazz in the City event on Dec. 18, beginpresident of Metro Mortgage Corpo- a division of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian ning at 7:15 p.m., and a cross-country skiing Livonia, Ann Arbor and Bloomfield College, The celebration runs from 6 p.m. to (248) 349-0911. 1:30 a.m. Tickets are \$30 and include dinner, dancing, entertainment and door prizes. Dress is either semi-formal or American period wear treating of bolts. Built on the Ultra- will meet on Dec. 14, 15 and 16. The from any decade in the last 100 years. For

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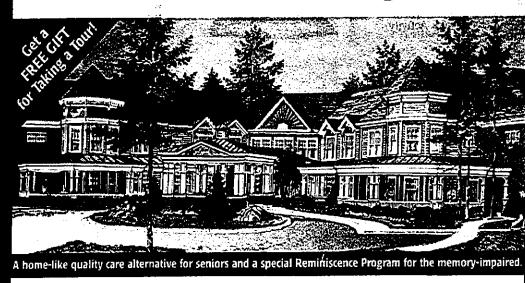
Single Place, a branch of First Presbyterian Holy Family Roman Catholic Church in

The evening fellowship of the UMW of First United Methodist Church of Northville will hold its Christmas Potluck on Tuesday, Dec. 21 at 6:30 p.m. Call 347-4299 for details.

"Celebrate the Century," an alcohol- and Church of Northville will be holding a "Dinner Novi is collecting non-perishable foods and household supplies for the needy this holiday season. While all contributions are welcome, a ration, a Northville business. Metro Church in Northville, will be held Dec. 31 at trip to Kensington Park (weather-permitting) on complete list of specific items being sought has Mortgage has satellite offices in Novi. the Waterman Campus Center of Schoolcraft Dec. 26 at 1:30 p.m. For more information, call been assembled, including stuffing mix, toilet tissue and breakfast cereal. For more information, call (248) 349-8847.

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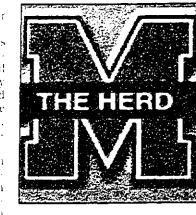
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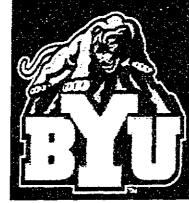
THURSDAY December 16,

Herd thunders to Motor City Bowl

BYU accepts bid to play MAC champions at Silverdome on Dec. 27

Jarst all Athletic Conterence." Boul on Dec. 27. The team, lead Dy Heisman Trophy candidate will plan Brigham Young Universi-, tano accepted an at-large bid. The Herd innished their season adder dramanc 34,30 comedfrom behind victory over Western Michigan in the MAC Championship game on Dec. 9, finishing the season at 12.0 and ranked in the Associated Press Top 15. The





The Motor City Bowl was North American International expected to generate more rev- Auto Show. In 1998, the game enue than any other single event brought in nearly \$30 million to

Marshall is 1-1 at the Silverdome, narrowly losing to Ole Miss in 1997, followed by a defeat of Louisville last year. In its first vear, some 50,000 spectators urned out for the Motor City Bowl — one of the largest crowds to ever come out for a debut bowl game. It also allowed fans the chance to see former Heisman andidate, now Minnesota Vikings vide receiver Randy Moss.

Kickoff for this year's game i lated for 1:30 p.m. It will be the rst-ever meeting between Marshall and BYU. Tickets are onsale at TicketMaster, the Pontiac Silverdome box office, and all 13 Mid-American Conference schools' athletic ticket offices.

Entertainment

DEC. 16

What: Grev Eve Glances

Where: The Ark (316 S. Main, ann Arbori When: Spring Phone: (734) 761-1451

What: Mudpappy Where: 5th Avenue Ballroom 25750 Novi Road, Novit When: Evening Phone: (248) 735-4011

DEC. 16 - 26

What: "A Christmas Carol" stage performance. Where: Meadowbrook Theatre. When: Various times

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DEC. 16 - JAN. 2

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What: "I Made This Jar" exhibit on enslaved African-American Where: Charles H. Wright

Museum of African-American History (313 E. Warren, Detroit) When: Various times Phone: (313) 494-5800

DEC. 16 - JAN. 5 What: Mona Lisa Mania

Where: The Print Gallery (29173 Northwestern Hwy. Southfield; When: Various times Phone: (248) 356-5454

DEC. 16 - FEB. 13

What: "Escanaba in da Moon light" stage performance Where: Gem Theatre (333 Madison Ave. Detroitle When: Various times **Phone:** (313) 963-9800

DEC. 16 - APRIL 30

What: On The Air: Michigan Broadcasting 1920-2000 Exhibit Where: Detroit Historical Museum (5401 Woodward, Detroit) When: All day event Phone: (313) 833-1805 (Museum is closed on Mondays)

What: Davion vs. Michigan State women's basketball Where: Breslin Center. MSU Phone: (517) 355-1610

What: Colorado Avalanche vs. Detroit Red Wings hockey Where: Joe Louis Arena (600 When: 7:30 p.m. Phone: [313] 983-6606

What: Cleveland Lumberjacks vs. Detroit Vipers hockey Where: Palace of Auburn Hills (2 Championship Drive, Auburn

When: 7:30 p.m. Phone: (248) 377-0100

Where: The Ark (316 S. Main. When: 8 p.m. Phone: (734) 761-1451

What: RFD Boys

What: Eddie Campbell Where: 5th Avenue Ballroom (25750 Novi Road, Novi) When: Evening Phone: (248) 735-4011

DEC. 17, 18 What: 2XL

Where: Bogey's Bar and Grill (142 E. Walled Lake Drive, Walled Phone: (248) 669-1441

What: Toy & Hobby Expo 1999 Where: Novi Expo Center (43700 Expo Center Drive, Novi) When: Various times Phone: (734) 455-2110

DEC. 18

What: A Boychoir Christmas Where: St. Andrew's Episopal Church (306 N. Division, Ann When: 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Phone: [734] 663-5377

What: Philadelphia 76'ers vs. Detroit Pistons basketball Where: Palace of Auburn Hills (2 Championship Drive, Auburn

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Phone: (248) 735-4011

What: "Jack And Th Beanstalk" stage performance Where: Marquis Theatre (135 E. Main Street, Northville) When: 2:30 p.m. Phone: (248) 349-8110

What: Cincinnatti Cyclones vs. Detroit Viners hockey Where: Palace of Auburn Hills (2 Championship Drive, Auburn

When: 6 p.m. Phone: (248) 377-0100

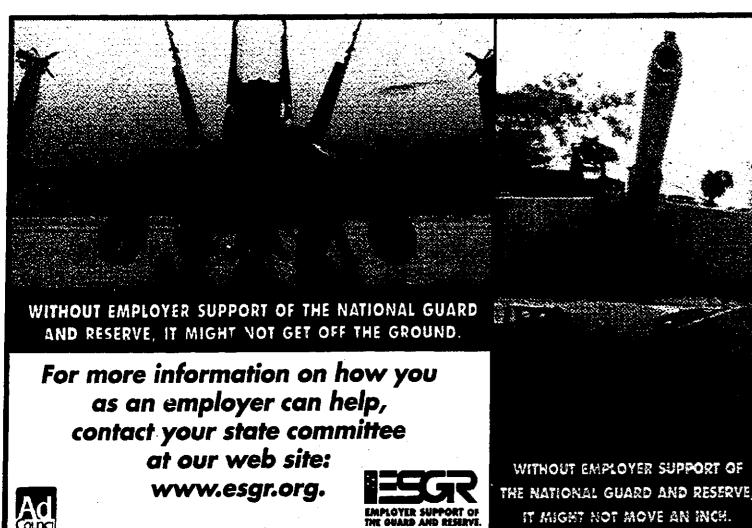
What: Over The Rhine Where: The Ark (316 S. Main, When: 8 p.m. Phone: {734} 761-1451

DEC. 21

What: Washington Wizards vs. Detroit Pistons basketball Where: Palace of Auburn Hills (2 Championship Drive, Auburn

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LOVE

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WORTH A TRY Fun-loving, active SWM, 30, who enjoys the outdoors and traveling, is seeking a nice, honest SWF, for a possible relationship. Ad#.2463

PHONE ME NOW Friendly SNAM, 34, 5'11", who enjoys dancing, sports, camping and nature, is interested in meeting a patient, humorous SF, under 40, N/S, who likes children. Ad#.5421

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outdoor activities, sports, quiet walks and movies, music and he's looking for an attractive SWCF, 35-35. Ad#.6226

GOOD ATTITUDE SWM, 42, who enjoys going to the lake, the outdoors, weightlifting and kickboxing,

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Winning when it counts most

Key wins fuel 32-26 win over defending Division III champs

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

When all was said and done following the Novi/Williamston matchup last Saturday at the Novi Invitational, it wasn't just the tremendous matchups the two teams provided that had people talking.

It was Novi's ability to get big wins at key weights throughout its lineup that led to the team's 32-26 win over the defending Division III state champions.

That's what people were talking

Novi picked up five wins in the six weight divisions between 140 and 189 pounds to build up a near-insurmountable lead over

"I hate to see matches come down to heavyweights, because it's not fair. He should be real proud of himself."

Novi wrestling coach

the Hornets. Then heavyweight Jason Moore secured the winwith a 9-7 win over Williamston's Jordan Moon in the matches' final bout.

"I hate to see matches come down to the heavyweights. because it's not fair that the bur-

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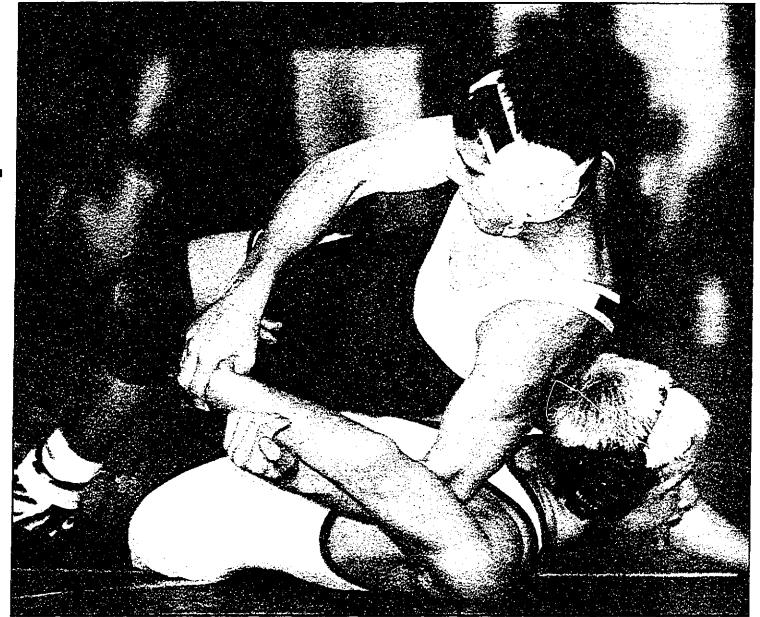
den always falls onto their shoulders." Novi coach Brad Huss said. "If he would have lost that match, we would have lost the match. He should be real proud of himself."

That's also the case with several other wrestlers who helped lead Novi to the tournament championship. Novi finished an undefeated 4-0 on the day, picking up wins over Canton 61-10. Lake Orion 54-15 and Flat Rock 54-21 in addition to the big win over Williamston.

Against the Hornets, Novi saw a 10-0 lead slip away and become a 17-10 deficit in a matter of four matches. Williamston matched up well with Novi's strongest portion of its lineup, and snagged wins away from Dan Jilg and Ryan Churella in the process.

The featured match of the day pitted Churella against sophomore Andy Simmons at 130. Simmons is the defending Division III state champ at 112, while Churella was the Division I runnerup last year. The nationallyranked Simmons took control early, scoring on a pair of takedowns midway through the first period. He added three more takedowns in a crucial second period that saw him jump out to a 10-4 lead.

Churella wrestled on top for much of the third period, but couldn't muster up any points and lost the match 10-5. Sim-



Ryan Churella appears to have the upper hand in his match with Andy Simmons, however, Simmons pulled out a 10-5 win.

mons remained undefeated in his high school career. The win gave Williamston a 12-10 lead.

The match prior to that included Jilg and P.J. Mitchell. Both

placed in the top three at last year's state meet in their respective divisions. Mitchell frustrated Jilg for much of the match and scored on a takedown and a reversal to get a 4-1 win.

With the team trailing 17-10, Brent Frey got things going for Novi with a 6-3 decision over Kevin Sharp. That, coupled with

Eric Cook's 9-4 win over Steve Weber pulled the 'Cats to within a point at 17-16.

Novi reaches semis

Volleybali

By JASON SCHMITT

If the Novi volleyball team hopes to make a run at the Kensington Valley Conference title this season, then it'll have to pull together as a team to do it.

Without a lot of top-notch returning talent, coach Julie Fisette said she'll look to her team depth as a team strength.

There's no great standouts on this team, but they all do a good job for us," Fisette said. "We've got great depth on the bench, and we're able to substitute for anyone on the floor at any time."

If there is one player looking to stand out to the rest of the league, it's 6-foot-1 senior Kristen McGlinnen. The three-year letterwinner returns to one of the middle hitter positions, where she earned All-Area honors a year

"She's the kid that everybody else notices when they play us." her coach said of her. "She's got a great serve and is able to pound the ball down at the net."

Alongside McGlinnen in the middle will be senior Angie Herbst. She and fellow co-captain Emily Major return to the team this season, after seeing ample playing time as juniors. Major will be a backrow specialist, coming in the game in defensive situ-

Senior Christina Parrish will be the team's number one setter, and will be joined by junior Christina Cypher when the team goes to a 6-2 lineup.

Starting at the outside hitter positions will be juniors Mickie Rzepka and Kathy Zakaria. Rzepka played up on varsity last season, and is the team's best ath-

"She'll be playing all around for us," Fisette said. "She may not be coming out of the game."

Zakaria will share the starting position with Allison Tingwall. "If one doesn't seem to be playing. well. I can bring the other one in and not miss a beat," their coach



Photo by LOUIS POULOS

Senior co-captain Angle Herbst serves in Monday's match.

Along with Major, senior Sarah Clark and freshman Shoko Oshima will play as defensive specialists. Oshima is also the team's

Oshima and Angie Schmitt

(middle hitter) are the first two freshmen to ever be called up to varsity by Fisette, who said she's really impressed with both of

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Nadolni's 16 not enough in loss

By JASON SCHMITT

In sports, numbers don't mean

Unless you're talking about basketball

In a game full of statistics, Novi found itself on the bottom column in several key categories in a 73-62 loss to Brighton last Friday night. They don't lie, and they told much of the

Novi's foul troubles all night long. connecting on 27 of 35 attempts in the game. The Wildcats, on the other hand, attempted just 20 and hit 14.

The Bulldogs took advantage of

"Mentally we didn't play tough, and sent them to the line way too many times," Novi coach Pat Schluter said.

Without their starting point guard Brandon Davis, who is still out with an ankle injury, Novi fell behind quickly. In fact, Brighton built an early 16-4 lead midway through the first quarter. The 'Cats struck back though, using a 20-7 run midway through the half to take a 24-23 lead.

But that's where the fouls came into play. Brighton hit most of their free throws to end the half and took a 41-27 lead into the break.

"Their crowd took us out of our game," the coach said. "It was on the road, and we got frustrated. We don't have a lot of experience out there."

For the game, Novi committed a costly 30 turnovers. Chad Nadolni led the team with 16 points, and Jeff Perreca added 10. Brendan Hadley

Basketball

scored nine and Dan Nawrot chipped in with eight of his own. Brighton's Ryan Goulette scored a game-high 20 points and David Nowaczyk added 14.

The loss dropped Novi to 0-2 overall heading into Tuesday's game against Northville.

WESTERN 62, NOVI 49

Much like it did against the Bulldogs last Friday, Novi sent the Warriors to the line a few too many times in this season-opening loss on Dec.

Walled Lake built a 37-23 halftime lead and extended that to 51-34 after three quarters.

"It was the same situation for us." Schluter said. "We were down by four or five points with five minutes left in the second and all of a sudden we're in foul trouble. We played pretty well - much better than we did against Brighton."

With Davis and Nadolni missing the game for different reasons, Nawrot stepped up and scored 20 to lead the Cats.

Novi will look to even up its conference record when it hosts South Lyon tomorrow night at Novi High School. The varsity game will begin around 7 p.m. The Wildcats will take part in the annual Christmas Tournament at Northville High School Monday and Tuesday.

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Swim team set to go

Swimming

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

Looking down his 1999-2000 roster, Novi swim coach Bill McCord has noticed something different from years past.

"It's definitely a different picture than it's been the last couple of years," McCord said. "We have always had a group of veteran swimmers coming back at the beginning of the season. Their are not a lot of proven performers on this team. But then again. I knew that two years ago."

McCord said this season should be interesting, and that the team will take a different approach into most of its meets this season. The coach said that in years past, he was able to maneuver his lineup when his team was winning to get his younger swimmers some experience. This year he said his younger swimmers will have to be his experience.

Adam Bayer and Phil Suchvta are two of the team's three seniors on the team, and were voted this year's captains by their teammates. Suchyta excelled in the distance freestyle events last year, but will be counted on to swim where his coaches need him this season.

Bayer took a year off from swimming last year, but returns for his last year of high school. He swam primarily the backstroke as a sophomore,

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There are several sports the Rensington Valley Conference is are far and away the best in the state from top to bottom. Almost onpart with cross country is KVC. wiestline, which has seen its share. of state qualitying teams and indi-

viduals over the years.

Hartland and Novi stand out as the class of the conference, with one of these two teams winning the conference the last four years. But the depth of the leams as well as the individuals is what makes this conference so special. HomeTown Newspapers East and West offices have combined wits to rank the top 15 wrestlers in the league, regardless of weight. Some may be no-bramers, some may be rising stars, but none of the following 15 athletes have been givin anything. They've carned everything they've won, and many

Here they are, from 1-15.

1. Dan Jilg, senior, Novi, 119

The most accomplished high school wrestler Novi has ever seen. Jilg - 😤 has placed at the state meet in each of his first three years and was runnerup at 119 last season. As he enters his senior season. Jile's accumulated a 140-16 record and is just 15 wins shy of the KVC champion and is looking to become just the second wrestler was a state qualifier. He has made ten by the sophomore jinx. 1995-98) to win four-straight league championships. He was 50at to regionals all three years he 3 last year and won conference, has been on varsity. This year he

2. Ryan Churella, junior, Novi, 125 - It was a toss up between Jilg and Churella for our No. 1 slot. Churella's improvement through- 112 — Last year, then Eagles for the second-straight year and - the district champion and regional - quhafier. advanced all the way to the state - runner-up at 103 pounds, and championship match before losing won a match at the state meet. It He won a regional championship

3. Leff Olson, junior, Brighton, senior Trevor Roelfs, who could be 130 - As a sophomore he put making a March appearance at the together a great season, posting a Joe. 45-4 record. He went on to finish is true expect. Olson to use the meet both times. This year, he going to the finals when he lost to championships in the league and go far during his trip to Joe Louis.

4. Mike Chandler, senior, he is looking even better than last even better this year. South Lyon, 152 - As a junior season. Cozart will be a big factor Chandler finished sixth in the state in how the Highlanders do this at 145 pounds. This season he season. picked up where he left off, winning his first five matches, all by

Lyon's first Oakland County cham- an coming wrestler. Last year he a weight class and improved on state placer this year." Novi coach pion in nearly 20 years. He also broke the school record for the his strength and technique. won the conference and regional most wins with 41 to his credit. He He missed part of last season. Elbert was particularly impres-

5. Shane Steckroth, senior, meet. Kowal placed sixth in the regional qualifier and came with- meets.

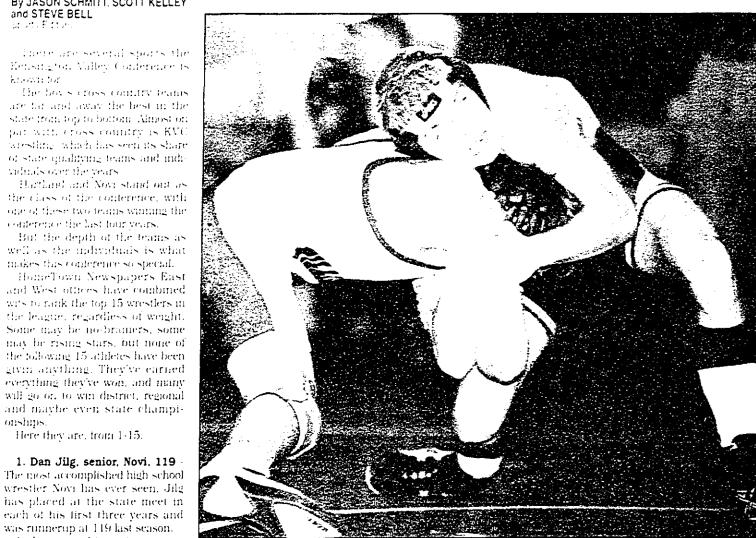


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi senior Dan Jilg and teammate Ryan Churella are the top two wrestlers in the KVC. Hartland, 160 - The Eagle captain state at 125. This year will be a sin a match of qualifying for the is looking for big things this year. make it or break year for Kowal. state meet. Last season he was 40-13 and. The Eagles are hoping he is not bit-

district and regional champi- again looks like a force to be reck- ford, 160 - He's alreadly won over- took second in the KVC and postoned and will be one of the lead. 100 matches, and started this sea- ed a 38-9 record at 215. But ers the Eagles will look to this - son 8-0. This past weekend Lam- - what was even more interesting time Waterford Mott Tournament - This year Hartland was expecting Tim Bragg, junior, Lakeland, another great season, but i Last year Lambert was second in appears a knee injury might cost out the 1998-99 season was coach Don Urban called Bragg the the KVC at 152 pounds. He was a him his season. Despite the

tition, where he won a match.

Eagles, along with 103-pound

junior Joe Goulet and 125-pound

, 11. Shawn Petitpren, junior, at 189. Hartland, 119 - The three year He went on to finish one win cent better than last season. If that Cozart has qualified for the state ago at 119. Last year he missed confidence should carry him to experience he gained last year and comes into his senior year with the teammate Josh Kowal in dispossibly at districts. He's a added responsibility of captain on triets. He posted a 34-14 record regional qualifier caliber wrestler. his shoulders. But his coach feels last season and is looking to do

Hartland, 125 - Perhaps an eight KVC title. This season, Ferris is a regional qualifier. Last year Chandler was South ranking is a little to low for this up gone and Borashko has moved up "I think Sauls is going to be also became the first freshman ever but wound up winning over 70 sive when he same him at the at Hartland to place in the state percent of his matches. He was a conference, district and regional

13. Sean Baier, senior, Hartland, 215 - Things were looking 9. Justin Lambert, senior, Mil- good for this senior. Last year he bert became the first-ever four- was he weighed under 200 lbs.

incredible. He won the league title "sophomore sensation." Bragg was district semifinalist and regional injury he is still one of the top wrestlers in the league this year. 10. Andy Golden, senior, South 14. Nick Slovan, junior, Novi, to Grand Haven's Eric Gervais 6-5 was his second appearance in the Lyon, 135 - Last year Golden was 215 - Last season Slovan steadily second in the KVC at 125 pounds. Improved throughout the entire New Lakeland coach Ernie. He placed third at the district. season and peaked at the KVC along the way and finished the sea- Kovath said Bragg is one of three qualifiving him for regional compe- tournament at Hartland, where he defeated the Eagles' Dan Ring 8-1 in the championship match

> Parsity wrestler continues to get from advancing to the regional itter each season. Last year he tournament. He's a quick learner

15. Elbert Sauls, senior, South Lyon, 103 - With Lake-12. Adam Borashko, senior, land's Tim Bragg wrestling at 112 Novi, 189 - Last season, only a pounds. Sauls becomes the loss to Hartland's Elijah Ferris league favorite at 103. Last sea-8. Josh Kowal, sophomore, kept Borashko from winning a son he was third in the KVC, and

Brad Huss said, noting that

own invitational

out a 4-2 win over Kevin Bisard at - in the middle of the lineup. 160 and Scott Kortlandt came and pinned Josh Heinritz in just 55 seconds to give his team a 25-

"I'll tell you right now, (Kava is) that makes a big difference." our most improved wrestler." Huss said. "He still makes mistakes. but he's working hard and

improving every time out." Senior Adam Borashko then Novi camp. came through with a 13-2 win over Jacob Miller at 189 to give finished the day with a .500 the team a commanding 29-20 record or better. lead. However, defending Kensington Valley Conference champion to go 6-0, with Vince Slovan Nick Slovan got stuck and was wrestling to a 2-0 record in his pinned by John Weeken to give limited time. Jilg, Ryan Churella the Hornets one last chance.

tory for the undefeated Wildcats finished 4-2.

112 to give Novi their 10-0 lead.

Huss said he expected a tough match from Williamston, but he A match later Frank Kava eeked - was extremely proud of the guys

through with a big pin at 171. He for us so far," the coach said. took control of his match early "They've been solid for us, and that's nice to see. I think the biggest thing so far is that we haven't been getting pinned. And This same Williamston team

beat these same Wildcats 60-9 at last year's tournament. So something has definitely changed in the Thirteen of Novi's 14 wrestlers

Borashko was the lone Wildcat and Nick Slovan each finished 5-1 But Moore came through with a and Moore, Frey, Nate Mitchell. win at heavyweight to seal the vic- Nobach and Josh Churella each

The team won't take much time In the early going, Josh Churel- off, Tomorrow and Saturday the a won by void at 103 and Cory Wildcats will compete at the Oak-Nobach beat Steve Dufrin 9-1 at land County tournament at Lake Orion and Oxford high schools.

Although a lot could be said

for those who won matches

in Novi's 32-26 win over

Williamston, in the end it

came down to Jason Moore.

And the senior delivered

with an exciting 9-7 win in

the final match to secure the

He was about five seconds

from possibly losing the

match, but held on in the end

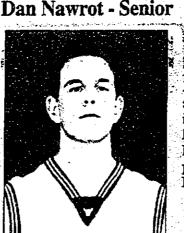
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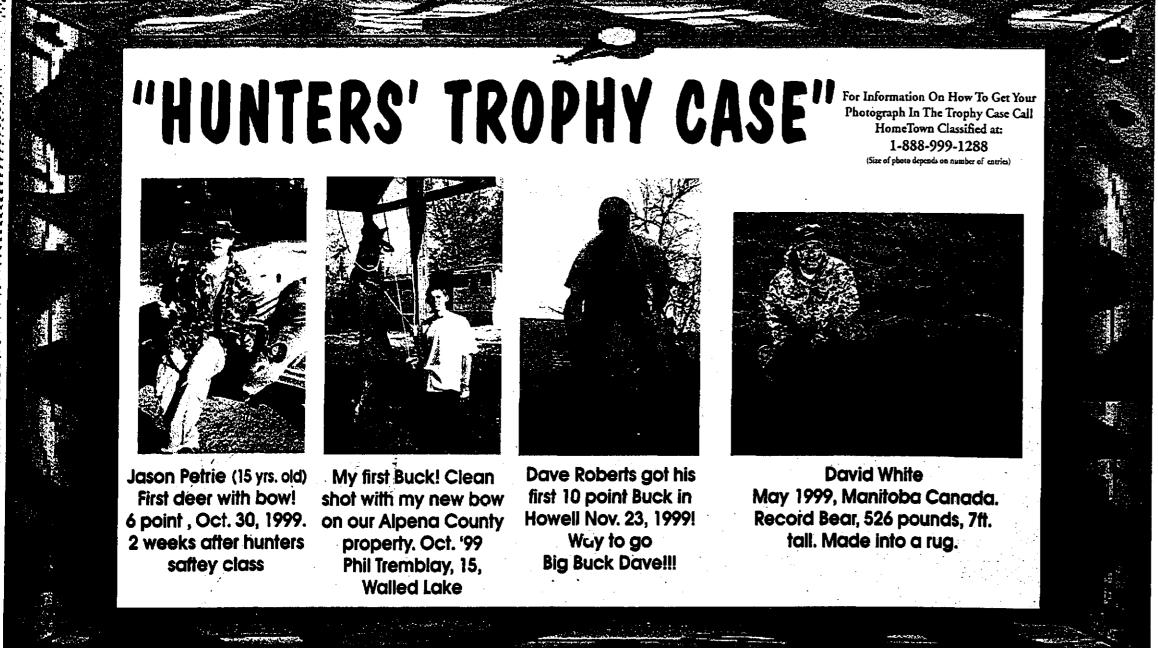
Jason Moore - Senior





With both Brandon Dawis and Chad Nadolni out of the lineup for the season opener, Nawrot stepped up and scored a team-high 20 points in Novi's loss to Walled Lake Western on Dec. 7. He went on to score eight points in Friday's loss to

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Swift turnaround from last year has Novi right in the hunt for KVC title

At this point in the season a year ago, the Wildcat hockey team was still looking for its first win of the season. The team was 0.9, but

tence. Novi has lost just one game in its first nine games. The Wildcats are 3-1-5 overall, out the first half of the game. and stand at 1-0-3 in Kensington Valley Con-Last Wednesday (Dec. 8) the team tied Mil-

the first of two tough games between quite possibly the league's two best teams. Novi scored twice in the final 3:32 of the second period to rally from a 1-0 deficit. But Mil-

ford scored on a power play with 10:50 remain-

The Redskins got on the board first, when Jeff Phillips scored on a rebound with 9:19 left now. And we're only going to get better." in the first period. The goal against Novi goaler

But Novi center Brad Zarem changed all of Lyon 7-5 in their only KVC win this year. that when he skated in from the left side of Milford goalie Brian Cervin and scored on a wrist it's a happy unusual record, it's better than if ing in the consolation game at 6 p.m.

year," McCord said. "He was anything.

done him good."

well as the breaststroke.

Hockey

shot to the goalie's stick side. The power play Remarkably, in just its second year of exis- goal tied up the game at 1-1 and gave Novi the momentum they were unable to keep through-

again, this time off a pass from Brian Jaussi. With Novi on the power play, Zarem dumped ford 2-2 at the Novi ice Arena in what could be the puck down to Jaussi, who found Zarem back in front of the goal for the score. Kyle Major also picked up an assist on the goal, which came with 1:16 left in the second period. "We feel we can play at that level," Novi coach

ing in the game to square up the score and KVC champs. The boys rose to the level they next Wednesday at the Ice Arena. After that the needed to to play with this team. We played team is off until Dec. 28th and 29th when it hard, and I'm very happy where we're at right and Northville will host the first-ever Christmas

"it's an unusual record," Phelps said, "But following night; at 8 p.m., with the losers play-

Swimmers will rely on young talent

Another junior, Michael Bliss, swim the butterfly and breast-

but may also be moved around have their top events, with team. Matt Peurach is another

where the team needs him this Sawmiller, Ochab and Revnolds all backstroker who can also swim IM

plagued by shoulder problems and Steve Alberty and Derrick Zonca son will be joined by Todd Wasik

I think the year off to heal has return with two years of diving and Juwan Yoo in the breast-

lineup is Steve Shubert, who will ago, and the sky appeared to be and Tahwan Yoo, have also

juniors are expected to do big the new year. He'll add depth in chances throughout the year.

experience under their belts. Both stroke.

T've been really happy with his also seeing time in the butterfly.

attitude and leadership so far this Long is a utility guy who can swim

Novi's only other senior in the were the team's top divers a year

will be spread out over solid junior ham Brother Rice and will be eligi-

and sophomore classes. Four ble to compete with the team after

things in the swimming events and the breaststroke and individual

Much of the Wildcats' strengths has transfered in from Birming- stroke events.

swim the sprint freestyle events as the limit for the two veterans.

swimming freestyle and Sawmiller or breaststroke.

Mike Reynolds and Nick Long each ker and one of the best on the challenge for us."

Andy Capanyla and Josh

freestyle events and Christopher-

A pair of freshmen, Jack Tyler

impressed the coach early and will

Thirty-five kids in all came out

for the team, and will get their

"We've got a fair amount of kids

Christopherson both will swim the cats were seventh out of 13 teams.

NOVI 3. SALEM 2

Zarem scored a pair of goals and Travis Malott added another to give Novi a 3-2 win over Plymouth Salem in this non-league contest. Novi outshot the Rocks 48-14 for the game. but connected on just three shots. "We had our opportunities, but the breaks weren't going our Just over two minutes later Zarem was at it way." Phelps said. "We were fighting hard, but we just couldn't get those breaks."

> goal game of the season. "He's dangerous around your net." the coach

For Zarem, it was the junior's third multiple

dictate a game when he wants to." The team will travel to Dearborn Crestwood Dan Phelps said of playing with the defending tonight before hosting Howell in a KVC contest Tournament at the Novi Ice Arena. Northville is The league tie was the second straight for the scheduled to play Waterford Mott at 6 p.m. on Beau Brandau was the only goal the two teams Wildcats, who also tied Hartland 2-2 and the 28th, with Novi set to take on West Bloomwould score in the first 26 minutes of the game. Brighton in the season opener. Novi beat South field immediately following that game. The winners advance to the championship game the

NOVI 7TH AT EMU RELAYS

The team got its first chance in

the pool this past Saturday at the

with Chelsea swimming away with

Four relay teams placed and

medaled among the top six posi-

tions. Reynolds, Ochab. Capanyla

and Sawmiller finished sixth in the

800 free relay. Moblo, Ochab and

Suchyta were sixth in the 1,500

Zonca and Alberty teamed up for

fifth place in the diving relay and

Moblo, Tyler, Suchyta and Bayer

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Members of the JV pom pon squad pose for a picture after their Mid-American title at Saginaw Valley State University last month.

JV pom pon team wins at Saginaw

Team Championships held Nov. 14 at Saginaw - form of kicks as well as showmanship.

The Novi JV poin pon team kicked their way 40 kicks with a four-minute performance and Team members include Brittiney Bixman, to a first-place finish at the 9th-Annual Mid- are judged on team unity and precision, execu- Carmen Decker, Ashlee Doster, Kiley Elfring, American High School and Collegiate Dance tion, form, technique, formations, height and Kristen Fraser, Christina Hagan, Jessica

The team was entered in the Junior High- out of a possible 100. That total was the sec- Lloyd, Christina Morianti, Brittany Neville, Kick division and rode their Harley Davidson- ond-highest in all categories overall, with Novi's Lauren Powell, Erin Reid, Erika Slating, themed routine to a near perfect performance. varsity team receiving the Overall High Score Christy Stewart and Sarah Wilson. The team is High Kick routines must contain a minimum of - Travel Trophy.

Hagan, Danielle Kazakos, Megan Kemski, Kris-The team finished with a score of 96 points—ten Kern, Elizabeth Kossik, Hillary Kroll, Holly

JV Highlights

Tuesday, Dec.7 Walled Lake Western 46, Novi 43 Jamie Schram had 19 points and Trey Simpson added 10 points

Friday, Dec. 10 Novi 64 Brighton 53 Jamie Schram and Shawn Dickens each scored 17 points for Novi. Chase Chandler directed the offense.

Mix of young, old talent leads netters

Continued from 1

them. According to Fisette. hitters as Brighton," the coach Schmitt has made a natural shift said. This year I feel that the from middle school volleyball to KVC is really strong." the varsity lineup, while Oshima has played volleyball for the past - hand how tough the KVC may be

anyone to stand out and lead the that McGlinnen, Rzepka and Par- but beat Pinckney 15-6, 15-8 to rish provided the core for a help break a tie with Belleville.

team can compete with anybody. Tve always felt we're as good of She and her team saw first-

at the South Lyon Invitational The final member of Novi's 12- this past Saturday. Novi finished person squad is junior outside first in their four-team pool and nitter Melissa Clark. She'll pro- reached the semifinals before ride depth at the outside hitter bowing out to Milford 13-15, 9position with her tremendous 15. That loss followed up a quarterfinal win over Trenton 16-14. Although Fisette doesn't expect 16-18, 15-9.

Novi split their games with both team single-handedly, she felt Howell and Belleville in pool play, They earned the No. I seed and This team really plays well advanced to play Trenton.

ogether," she said. "They all work Chelsea beat Milford in the hard, they all get along and it's finals. I haven't seen (Milford) play that well in years." Fisette Last year Novi finished fourth said of the league's surprise team. in the KVC. something Fisette "Our girls were a little disappointbelieved could be a repeat this ed. but I couldn't be down on season, although she feels her them. They played well."

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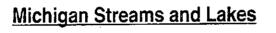
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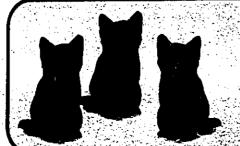
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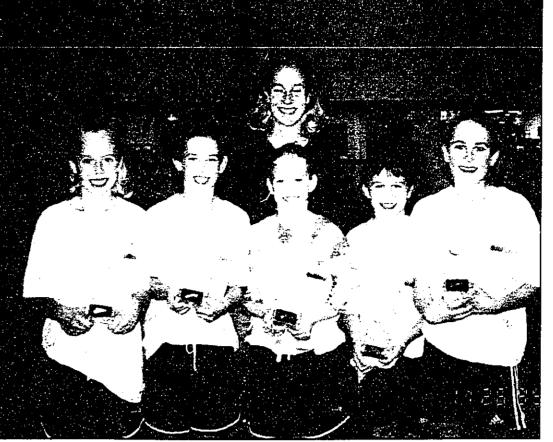
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Gobblers win shoot out ...

The Turkey Gobblers won the Thanksgiving 3 on 3 U-12 Turkey Shoot-Out tournament held at Total Soccer in Wixom. The team consists of (I-r) Jessica Bardnt,

Stephanie Crawford, Katie Walker, Kelli Corless and Kristine Chaklos. Their coach

(standing) is Michele Brach. Last year the team won the U-10 division and they played up a division this season for the challenge. The team defeated the U-12 Hawks in overtime to clinch the champi-

game to OT, where Zach Mohr scored the



The Novi Cougars won the Mini Mite Division (ages 4-7) of the Farmington Hills Thanksgiving Tournament by defeating the Farmington Hills Charizards 4-3 in overtime. Their tournament record was 5-0. The team had to come from behind to do it too. Trailing 3-2, Frank Dreslinski scored with one second remaining to send the

game winner. Other team members include Kent Burnett, Kyle Shreve, Nicholas Bageris, Matthew Bonnell, Andrew Check, Evan Cochran, Kyle Hammer, Jake Johnson, Spencer Knickerbocker, Alec Lemieux, Patrick Luther, Nolan Valleau, and Christopher VeraBurgos. The team is coached by Dan Mohr, Phil Valleau, Ra Burnett and Mike

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Jason's Journey hits fifth week

"Jason's Journey" to reach his fitness goals is well underway. For those of you joining us with this column, allow me to review what this journey is all

As we all find ourselves in the holiday season, we also find ourselves in the "food-eating season" and for many, the result is weight gain. Many of us will be or are already beginning the thought process of, how do I get in better shape and lose some weight? (Which, by the way, consistently tops the New Year's resolutions list.)

In an effort to help you examine the smaller, personal health club option of reaching your weight and fitness goals, we are walking you through the journey of our "average guy" (volunteer Jason Schmitt), in his attempt to reach those very same

Jason is following our club's 12-week individualized personal training program. This program is designed to take Jason from where he is today to where he wants his body to be, and give him the tools to keep it there for life. By including the journev from both the health professional's eyes as well as Jason's eyes, you should get a fun and realistic look at what it takes to achieve some key lifestyle changes. These lifestyle changes are the only true path to ideal weight and overall health and fitness. So when it comes to that super machine that does it all or that magic pill, save your money and more importantly, save your health.

A jury recently awarded more than \$23 million to a 36-year-old woman. The woman's physician charged that Redux, an American Home Product diet pill, had done irreparable damage to his patient's heart valves. An Aug. 6 issue of The New York Times estimates that the total number of lawsuits against American Home Products has grown to more than 10,000, with analysts estimating over \$5 billion in total liabilities. There is no shortcut to reaching your weight and fitness goals safely.

One comment on the previous column. Jason pointed out that his goal of a 7-pound weight loss did not seem like much. Weight is only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to your appearance goals. The percentage of weight from body fat and lean muscle is the key.

Jason's goal is a 10-pound body fat reduction, but his goal of a slight increase in lean muscle offsets the overall weight loss goal. The amount of lean muscle a person wants or needs to add will directly influence the overall weight goal. Do not use a weight scale as your only indicator of your fitness.

For example, if you lost 5 pounds, wouldn't that be nice? But, if it came from lean muscle and water, what have you really done? Well, you have lost valuable muscle and dehydrated yourself. Not only is this temporary, but not healthy. Conversely, if you added two or three pounds but it was well-needed water (not to carry excess water but to be properly hydrated for health), and a little of well-placed muscle that might be fine, but if you are only using the weight scale, you will get a false reading.

The following is a recap of Jason's five visits so far. Jason's coach and trainer, Lesley Pagnuccio wrote them:

Session One

Jason and I went over his profile packet that was given to him at his initial consultation. We talked about Jason's health history, food profile (which is foods he likes and is eating now), as well as vital lifestyle questions and his specific goals. It is a key to know exactly what Jason wants to achieve.

I then began recording his starting statistics...resting heart rate of 61, pretty good. The lower the resting heart rate in general, the better. Let's get the heart to work as efficiently as possible. In other words, oxygenating the body with the least amount of effort. We have seen resting heart rate reductions up to 10-12 beats per minute.

Next, body weight and percentage of body fat. Utilizing the caliper method (there are other methods), we obnoxiously but painlessly pinch four places on your body. This gives us a pretty good



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Water Wheel fitness intructor Lesley Pagnucco goes over Jason Schmitt's diet goals during a recent accessment at the Water Wheel Health Club. estimate of how much of your weight is body fat ver-

sus lean muscle. We also completed Jason's circumference measurements. Finally, I completed a postural analysis and a

core strength check. Jason's shoulders were slightly protracted (rounded forward). We will work on this, and his core (mid section) was strong. We concluded this session with reviewing some things for Jason to work on prior to our next appointment and gave him his exercise handbook. Session Two

Jason warms up on the treadmill on his own and we meet on the exercise floor. Time for a practical assessment of how ready he is on the resistance equipment. This, combined with his postural analysis, core strength test and his goals will allow me to design a safe, effective initial exercise program. We will take all the guesswork out for Jason. The last half-hour was spent going over Jason's computer printout. This is the result of inputting all of Jason's

data, starting statistics, food profile, goals, etc. This printout begins to lay out each of the five key components that it will take to achieve long term goals. The five components are resistance training, cardiovascular training, food intake, assuring he is getting all the nutrients needed, and finally, utilizing me — his coach — and the entire fitness team to help keep Jason motivated and on track.

We all have up and down times. With his data in hand, Jason was beginning to understand exactly what fuel to put in his body, how many calories, what percentages of protein, fat and carbohydrates, etc. We concluded with Jason making plans to begin to get control of his food intake.

Session Three

We completed a full body workout today, documenting all the settings and going over the exact movements specific to Jason's body. I felt Jason wanted to do more than we did, which is typical of a lot of our clients. However, if we can focus on proper form in completing the exercise movements, the

better off we will be in the long run. There is something to be said for working smart as well as hard. So many clients do not have the five components sorted out for them. They work hard,

see little or no results, and drop out, joining the "I tried the health club route and it did not work for me." This is a loss for everyone.

Find the right club for you to assure you will get what you want and need to achieve the reasons you came there in the first place. It is not just how much weight a person uses, but how he or she does the movements.

We also discussed his menu and how to exchange foods easily to give him variety, and we checked on how all this was working in Jason's lifestyle.

Session Four

We talked about how Jason was feeling overall. A big part of the program is making it work in each of our client's life. We get our clients anywhere from two to five hours a week, while the world has them for the other 160 or so hours. We must make the connection between the club and their life, and we work hard at this.

He was feeling great, energy high and only a little sore, so we slightly increased the intensity of his workout. We covered some more education issues and wrapped the session up.

Session Five

Big day today. Jason gets reevaluated to check our progress. Super results. In only ten days of implementing the program, he reduced his fat mass 3.7 pounds and added 3.2 pounds of lean muscle, resulting in only 1/2 pound on the scale, but as discussed earlier, he is on his way to the body he

I am proud of Jason and appreciate his honesty. We don't expect our clients to comply 100 percent all the time, but hope they can realize this program is a tool on how the human body works. No gimmicks or games, just the science of the body, a little patience, hard work and determination. Great job,

Stay tuned.

Chris Klebba, owner and operator of the Water Wheel Health Club Inc. and a certified personal fitness instructor wrote this column. For more information, call (248) 449-7634.

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Program begins to take off for Jason

Well the first three weeks of my journey through Apexville are coming to a close. And let me tell you, it

hasn't been easy. Ive had to completely change my eating habits. which were disgustingly fatty when I started. I would say that's been the biggest change in my daily routine. But other than that the program has gone on



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With callpers in hand, Lesley Pagnucco takes a tricep measurement to figure out the exact percentage of Jason's body fat. In the first two weeks, he dropped 1.5 percent.

At least from my end.

I'm feeling as healthy as ever. Whether that's because I'm tricking myself into feeling that way, or whether I really believe it, I don't know. But I feel like I can do more, at the gym or at work. I seem to be getting more accomplished.

When I began the Apex training system, I was told it would not be easy. So none of this comes as a surprise to me. Actually, my program has become easier as the time has passed. I no longer find myself craving Whoppers, or chilt-cheese french fries. The water I drink on a daily basis is actually refreshing and the

white meats on my menu tend to fill me up. Lesley Pagnucco has been wonderful to work with. She's enthusiastic, to say the least, and she actually cares about my progress. If I'm not doing it for myself, then I've got Lesley. Chris Klebba, Boo Sadikot and the rest of my readers to do it for. That's the way I

Not knowing what exactly I'd be doing throughout this program, I definitely didn't know I'd be learning so much about what I was doing. Lesley's been teaching me about my food intake, my supplements and what each of my resistance training exercises does for my body. She's made me aware of why we're doing this, and where I can be if I strive to reach my goals.

In the first two weeks of the program, I lost over seven percent of my original body fat. And I feel that the first two weeks were tame compared to the workouts I've completed since then. Believe me, there's nothing more satisfying than seeing the results of your hard work on paper. Even if I don't see a big. change in the mirror, I have felt a change for the bet-

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